

Westminster Larger Catechism

with full text of scripture proofs

Q1 What is the chief and highest end of man?

A Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God,¹ and fully to enjoy him forever.²

Q2 How doth it appear that there is a God?

A The very light of nature in man, and the works of God, declare plainly that there is a God;³ but his word and Spirit only do sufficiently and effectually reveal him unto men for their salvation.⁴

Q3 What is the Word of God?

A The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God,⁵ the only rule of faith and obedience.⁶

Q4 How doth it appear that the Scriptures are of the Word of God?

¹Rom 11:36: For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

1 Cor 10:31: Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

²Psa 73:24-28: Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

Joh 17:21-23: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

³Rom 1:19-20: Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Psa 19:1-3: The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.

Act 17:28: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

⁴1 Cor 2:9-10: But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

2 Tim 3:15-17: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Isa 59:21: As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

⁵2 Tim 3:16: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Pet 1:19-21: We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

⁶Eph 2:20: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Rev 22:18-19: For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Isa 8:20: To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Luk 16:29,31: Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Gal 1:8-9: But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

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A The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty⁷ and purity;⁸ by the consent of all the parts,⁹ and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God;¹⁰ by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation:¹¹ but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very word of God.¹²

Q5 What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.¹³

Q6 What do the Scriptures make known of God?

A The Scriptures make known what God is,¹⁴ the persons in the Godhead,¹⁵ his decrees,¹⁶ and the execution of his decrees.¹⁷

Q7 What is God?

⁷Hos 8:12: I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

¹ Cor 2:6-7,13: Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Psa 119:18,129: Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

⁸Psa 12:6: The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psa 119:140: Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

⁹Act 10:43: To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Act 26:22: Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

¹⁰Rom 3:19,27: Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

¹¹Act 18:28: For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

Heb 4:12: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Jam 1:18: Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Psa 19:7-9: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Rom 15:4: For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Act 20:32: And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

¹²Joh 16:13-14: Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

¹ Joh 2:20,27: But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Joh 20:31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

¹³2 Tim 1:13: Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴Heb 11:6: But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

¹⁵1 Joh 5:7: For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

¹⁶Act 15:14-15,18: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

¹⁷Act 4:27-28: For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

A God is a Spirit,¹⁸ in and of himself infinite in being,¹⁹ glory,²⁰ blessedness,²¹ and perfection;²² all-sufficient,²³ eternal,²⁴ unchangeable,²⁵ incomprehensible,²⁶ every where present,²⁷ almighty,²⁸ knowing all things,²⁹ most wise,³⁰ most holy,³¹ most just,³² most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.³³

Q8 Are there more Gods than one?

A There is but one only, the living and true God.³⁴

Q9 How many persons are there in the Godhead?

A There be three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one true, eternal God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; although distinguished by their personal properties.³⁵

¹⁸Joh 4:24: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

¹⁹Exo 3:14: And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Job11:7-9: Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection? It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

²⁰Act 7:2: And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

²¹1 Tim 6:15: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

²²Mat 5:48: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

²³Gen 17:1: And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

²⁴Psa 90:2: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

²⁵Mal 3:6: For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

²⁶1 Kin 8:27: But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

²⁷Psa 139:1-13: O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

²⁸Rev 4:8: And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

²⁹Heb 4:13: Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Psa 147:5: Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

³⁰Rom 16:27: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

³¹Isa 6:3: And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Rev 15:4: Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

³²Deu 32:4: He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

³³Exo 34:6: And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

³⁴Deu 6:4: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

1 Cor 8:4,6: As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one. But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Jer 10:10: But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.

³⁵1 Joh 5:7: For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Q10 What are the personal properties of the three persons in the Godhead?

A It is proper to the Father to beget the Son,³⁶ and to the Son to be begotten of the Father,³⁷ and to the Holy Ghost to proceed from the Father and the Son from all eternity.³⁸

Q11 How doth it appear that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father?

A The Scriptures manifest that the Son and the Holy Ghost are God equal with the Father, ascribing unto them such names,³⁹ attributes,⁴⁰ works,⁴¹ and worship,⁴² as are proper to God only.

Q12 What are the decrees of God?

A God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will,⁴³ whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time,⁴⁴ especially concerning angels and men.

Mat 3:16-17: And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

2 Cor 13:14: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

Joh 10:30: I and my Father are one.

³⁶Heb 1:5-6,8: For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

³⁷Joh 1:14,18: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

³⁸Joh 15:26: But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Gal 4:6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

³⁹Isa 6:3,5,8: And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Joh 12:41: These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Act 28:25: And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

1 Joh 5:20: And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Act 5:3-4: But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

⁴⁰Joh 1:1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Isa 9:6: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Joh 2:24-25: But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

1 Cor 2:10-11: But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

⁴¹Col 1:16: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Gen 1:2: And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

⁴²Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

2 Cor 13:14: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

⁴³Eph 1:11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Rom 11:33: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Rom 9:14-15,18: What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

⁴⁴Eph 1:4,11: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Q13 What hath God especially decreed concerning angels and men?

A God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, hath elected some angels to glory;⁴⁵ and in Christ hath chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof;⁴⁶ and also, according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extendeth or withholdeth favor as he pleaseth,) hath passed by and foreordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.⁴⁷

Q14 How doth God execute his decrees?

A God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will.⁴⁸

Q15 What is the work of creation?

A The work of creation is that wherein God did in the beginning, by the word of his power, make of nothing the world, and all things therein, for himself, within the space of six days, and all very good.⁴⁹

Rom 9:22-23: What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Psa 33:11: The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

⁴⁵1 Tim 5:21: I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

⁴⁶Eph 1:4-6: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

2 The 2:13-14: But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁷Rom 9:17-18,21-22: For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Mat 11:25-26: At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

2 Tim 2:20: But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

Jud 4: For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Pet 2:8: And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

⁴⁸Eph 1:11: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

⁴⁹Gen 1: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said

Q16 How did God create angels?

A God created all the angels⁵⁰ spirits,⁵¹ immortal,⁵² holy,⁵³ excelling in knowledge,⁵⁴ mighty in power,⁵⁵ to execute his commandments, and to praise his name,⁵⁶ yet subject to change.⁵⁷

Q17 How did God create man?

A After God had made all other creatures, he created man male and female;⁵⁸ formed the body of the man of the dust of the ground,⁵⁹ and the woman of the rib of the man,⁶⁰ endued them with living, reasonable, and immortal souls;⁶¹ made them after his own image,⁶² in knowledge,⁶³ righteousness, and holiness;⁶⁴ having the law of God written in

unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Heb 11:3: Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Pro 16:4: The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

⁵⁰Col 1:16: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

⁵¹Psa 104:4: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

⁵²Mat 22:30: For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

⁵³Mat 25:31: When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

⁵⁴2 Sam 14:17: Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

Mat 24:36: But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

⁵⁵2 The 1:7: And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

⁵⁶Psa 103:20-21: Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

⁵⁷2 Pet 2:4: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

⁵⁸Gen 1:27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

⁵⁹Gen 2:7: And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁶⁰Gen 2:22: And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

⁶¹Gen 2:7: And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Job35:11: Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

Ecc 12:7: Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Mat 10:28: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Luk 23:43: And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

⁶²Gen 1:27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

⁶³Col 3:10: And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

⁶⁴Eph 4:24: And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

their hearts,⁶⁵ and power to fulfill it,⁶⁶ and dominion over the creatures;⁶⁷ yet subject to fall.⁶⁸

Q18 What are God's works of providence?

A God's works of providence are his most holy,⁶⁹ wise,⁷⁰ and powerful preserving⁷¹ and governing⁷² all his creatures; ordering them, and all their actions,⁷³ to his own glory.⁷⁴

Q19 What is God's providence towards the angels?

A God by his providence permitted some of the angels, willfully and irrecoverably, to fall into sin and damnation,⁷⁵ limiting and ordering that, and all their sins, to his own glory;⁷⁶ and established the rest in holiness and happiness;⁷⁷ employing them all,⁷⁸ at his pleasure, in the administrations of his power, mercy, and justice.⁷⁹

Q20 What was the providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created?

⁶⁵Rom 2:14-15: For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

⁶⁶Ecc 7:29: Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

⁶⁷Gen 1:28: And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

⁶⁸Gen 3:6: And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Ecc 7:29: Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

⁶⁹Psa 145:17: The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

⁷⁰Psa 104:24: O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Isa 28:29: This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

⁷¹Heb 1:3: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

⁷²Psa 103:19: The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

⁷³Mat 10:29-31: Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Gen 45:7: And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁷⁴Rom 11:36: For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Isa 63:14: As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

⁷⁵Jud 6: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

2 Pet 2:4: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Heb 2:16: For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Joh 8:44: Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

⁷⁶Job1:12: And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Mat 8:31: So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

⁷⁷1 Tim 5:21: I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

Mar 8:38: Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Heb 12:22: But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

⁷⁸Psa 104:4: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

⁷⁹2 Kin 19:35: And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.

Heb 1:14: Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

A The providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created, was the placing him in paradise, appointing him to dress it, giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth;⁸⁰ putting the creatures under his dominion,⁸¹ and ordaining marriage for his help;⁸² affording him communion with himself;⁸³ instituting the sabbath;⁸⁴ entering into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience,⁸⁵ of which the tree of life was a pledge;⁸⁶ and forbidding to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.⁸⁷

Q21 Did man continue in that estate wherein God at first created him?

A Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, through the temptation of Satan, transgressed the commandment of God in eating the forbidden fruit; and thereby fell from the estate of innocency wherein they were created.⁸⁸

Q22 Did all mankind fall in that first transgression?

A The covenant being made with Adam as a public person, not for himself only, but for his posterity, all mankind descending from him by ordinary generation,⁸⁹ sinned in him, and fell with him in that first transgression.⁹⁰

⁸⁰Gen 2:8,15-16: And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

⁸¹Gen 1:28: And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

⁸²Gen 2:18: And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

⁸³Gen 1:26-29: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Gen 3:8: And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

⁸⁴Gen 2:3: And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

⁸⁵Gal 3:12: And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Rom 10:5: For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

⁸⁶Gen 2:9: And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

⁸⁷Gen 2:17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

⁸⁸Gen 3:6-8,13: And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Ecc 7:29: Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

2 Cor 11:3: But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

⁸⁹Act 17:26: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

⁹⁰Gen 2:16-17: And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Rom 5:12-20: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Q23 Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

A The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.⁹¹

Q24 What is sin?

A Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, any law of God, given as a rule to the reasonable creature.⁹²

Q25 Wherein consisteth the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?

A The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consisteth in the guilt of Adam's first sin,⁹³ the want of that righteousness wherein he was created, and the corruption of his nature, whereby he is utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite unto all that is spiritually good, and wholly inclined to all evil, and that continually;⁹⁴ which is commonly called original sin, and from which do proceed all actual transgressions.⁹⁵

Q26 How is original sin conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity?

A Original sin is conveyed from our first parents unto their posterity by natural generation, so as all that proceed from them in that way are conceived and born in sin.⁹⁶

Q27 What misery did the fall bring upon mankind?

A The fall brought upon mankind the loss of communion with God,⁹⁷ his displeasure and curse; so as we are by nature children of wrath,⁹⁸ bond slaves to Satan,⁹⁹ and justly liable to all punishments in this world, and that which is to

1 Cor 15:21-22: For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

⁹¹Rom 5:12: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Rom 3:23: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

⁹²1 Joh 3:4: Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Gal 3:10,12: For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

⁹³Rom 5:12,19: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

⁹⁴Rom 3:10-19: As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Eph 2:1-3: And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Rom 5:6: For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 8:7-8: Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Gen 6:5: And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁹⁵Jam 1:14-15: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Mat 15:19: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

⁹⁶Psa 51:5: Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Job14:4: Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.

Joh 3:6: That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁹⁷Gen 3:8,10,24: And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

⁹⁸Eph 2:2-3: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

⁹⁹2 Tim 2:26: And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

come.¹⁰⁰

Q28 What are the punishments of sin in this world?

A The punishments of sin in this world are either inward, as blindness of mind,¹⁰¹ a reprobate sense,¹⁰² strong delusions,¹⁰³ hardness of heart,¹⁰⁴ horror of conscience,¹⁰⁵ and vile affections;¹⁰⁶ or outward, as the curse of God upon the creatures for our sakes,¹⁰⁷ and all other evils that befall us in our bodies, names, estates, relations, and employments;¹⁰⁸ together with death itself.¹⁰⁹

Q29 What are the punishments of sin in the world to come?

A The punishments of sin in the world to come, are everlasting separation from the comfortable presence of God, and most grievous torments in soul and body, without intermission, in hell-fire forever.¹¹⁰

Q30 Doth God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A God doth not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery,¹¹¹ into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works;¹¹² but of his mere love and mercy delivereth his elect out of it,

¹⁰⁰Gen 2:17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Lam 3:39: Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

Rom 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mat 25:41: Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mat 25:46: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Jud 7: Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

¹⁰¹Eph 4:18: Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

¹⁰²Rom 1:28: And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

¹⁰³2 The 2:11: And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

¹⁰⁴Rom 2:5: But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

¹⁰⁵Isa 33:14: The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

Gen 4:13: And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Mat 27:4: Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

¹⁰⁶Rom 1:26: For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

¹⁰⁷Gen 3:17: And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

¹⁰⁸Deu 28:15-18: But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

¹⁰⁹Rom 6:21,23: What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹¹⁰2 The 1:9: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Mar 9:43-44,46,48: And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Luk 16:24: And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

¹¹¹1 The 5:9: For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹¹²Gal 3:10,12: For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

and bringeth them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.¹¹³

Q31 With whom was the covenant of grace made?

A The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him with all the elect as his seed.¹¹⁴

Q32 How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

A The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provideth and offereth to sinners a Mediator,¹¹⁵ and life and salvation by him;¹¹⁶ and requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him,¹¹⁷ promiseth and giveth his Holy Spirit¹¹⁸ to all his elect, to work in them that faith,¹¹⁹ with all other saving graces;¹²⁰ and to enable them unto all holy obedience,¹²¹ as the evidence of the truth of their faith¹²² and thankfulness to God,¹²³ and as the way which he hath appointed them to salvation.¹²⁴

Q33 Was the covenant of grace always administered after one and the same manner?

¹¹³Tit 3:4-7: But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gal 3:21: Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Rom 3:20-22: Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

¹¹⁴Gal 3:16: Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Rom 5:15-21: But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isa 53:10-11: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

¹¹⁵Gen 3:15: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Isa 42:6: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

Joh 6:27: Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

¹¹⁶1 Joh 5:11-12: And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

¹¹⁷Joh 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 1:12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹¹⁸Pro 1:23: Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

¹¹⁹2 Cor 4:13: We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

¹²⁰Gal 5:22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

¹²¹Eze 36:27: And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

¹²²Jam 2:18,22: Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

¹²³2 Cor 5:14-15: For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

¹²⁴Eph 2:18: For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

A The covenant of grace was not always administered after the same manner, but the administrations of it under the Old Testament were different from those under the New.¹²⁵

Q34 How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?

A The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament, by promises,¹²⁶ prophecies,¹²⁷ sacrifices,¹²⁸ circumcision,¹²⁹ the passover,¹³⁰ and other types and ordinances, which did all fore-signify Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah,¹³¹ by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.¹³²

Q35 How is the covenant of grace administered under the New Testament?

A Under the New Testament, when Christ the substance was exhibited, the same covenant of grace was and still is to be administered in the preaching of the Word,¹³³ and the administration of the sacraments of Baptism¹³⁴ and the Lord's Supper;¹³⁵ in which grace and salvation are held forth in more fulness, evidence, and efficacy, to all nations.¹³⁶

Q36 Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

A The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ,¹³⁷ who, being the eternal Son of God, of one

¹²⁵2 Cor 3:6-9: Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

¹²⁶Rom 15:8: Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

¹²⁷Act 3:20,24: And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

¹²⁸Heb 10:1: For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

¹²⁹Rom 4:11: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

¹³⁰1 Cor 5:7: Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

¹³¹Hebrews:8,9,10

Heb 11:13: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

¹³²Gal 3:7-9,14: Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

¹³³Mar 16:15: And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹³⁴Mat 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

¹³⁵1 Cor 11:23-25: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

¹³⁶2 Cor 3:6-9: Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

Heb 8:6,10-11: But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

¹³⁷1 Tim 2:5: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

substance and equal with the Father,¹³⁸ in the fulness of time became man,¹³⁹ and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.¹⁴⁰

Q37 How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul,¹⁴¹ being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her,¹⁴² yet without sin.¹⁴³

Q38 Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

A It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death,¹⁴⁴ give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession;¹⁴⁵ and to satisfy God's justice,¹⁴⁶ procure his favour,¹⁴⁷ purchase a peculiar people,¹⁴⁸ give his Spirit

¹³⁸Joh 1:1,14: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 10:30: I and my Father are one.

Phi 2:6: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

¹³⁹Gal 4:4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

¹⁴⁰Luk 1:35: And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Rom 9:5: Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Col 2:9: For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Heb 7:24-25: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

¹⁴¹Joh 1:14: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Mat 26:38: Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

¹⁴²Luk 1:27,31,35,42: To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Gal 4:4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

¹⁴³Heb 4:15: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 7:26: For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

¹⁴⁴Act 2:24-25: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

Rom 1:4: And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

Rom 4:25: Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Heb 9:14: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁴⁵Act 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Heb 9:14: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 7:25-28: Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

¹⁴⁶Rom 3:24-26: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

¹⁴⁷Eph 1:6: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Mat 3:17: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

¹⁴⁸Tit 2:13-14: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

to them,¹⁴⁹ conquer all their enemies,¹⁵⁰ and bring them to everlasting salvation.¹⁵¹

Q39 Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

A It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature,¹⁵² perform obedience to the law,¹⁵³ suffer and make intercession for us in our nature,¹⁵⁴ have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities;¹⁵⁵ that we might receive the adoption of sons,¹⁵⁶ and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.¹⁵⁷

Q40 Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

A It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us,¹⁵⁸ and relied on by us as the works of the whole person.¹⁵⁹

Q41 Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

A Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saveth his people from their sins.¹⁶⁰

Q42 Why was our Mediator called Christ?

A Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure,¹⁶¹ and so set apart,

¹⁴⁹Gal 4:6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

¹⁵⁰Luk 1:68-69,71,74: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

¹⁵¹Heb 5:8-9: Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Heb 9:11-15: But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

¹⁵²Heb 2:16: For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

¹⁵³Gal 4:4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

¹⁵⁴Heb 2:14: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Heb 7:24-25: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

¹⁵⁵Heb 4:15: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁵⁶Gal 4:5: To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

¹⁵⁷Heb 4:16: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

¹⁵⁸Mat 1:21,23: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Mat 3:17: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Heb 9:14: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵⁹1 Pet 2:6: Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

¹⁶⁰Mat 1:21: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

¹⁶¹Joh 3:34: For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

Psa 45:7: Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

and fully furnished with all authority and ability,¹⁶² to execute the offices of prophet,¹⁶³ priest,¹⁶⁴ and king of his church,¹⁶⁵ in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.

Q43 How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the church,¹⁶⁶ in all ages, by his Spirit and Word,¹⁶⁷ in divers ways of administration,¹⁶⁸ the whole will of God,¹⁶⁹ in all things concerning their edification and salvation.¹⁷⁰

Q44 How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

A Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God,¹⁷¹ to be reconciliation for the sins of his people;¹⁷² and in making continual intercession for them.¹⁷³

¹⁶²Joh 6:27: Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Mat 28:18-20: And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

¹⁶³Act 3:21-22: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Luk 4:18,21: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

¹⁶⁴Heb 5:5-7: So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Heb 4:14-15: Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

¹⁶⁵Psa 2:6: Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Mat 21:5: Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

Isa 9:6-7: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Phi 2:8-11: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹⁶⁶Joh 1:18: No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

¹⁶⁷1 Pet 1:10-12: Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

¹⁶⁸Heb 1:1-2: God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

¹⁶⁹Joh 15:15: Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

¹⁷⁰Act 20:23: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Eph 4:11-13: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Joh 20:31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

¹⁷¹Heb 9:14,28: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

¹⁷²Heb 2:17: Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

¹⁷³Heb 7:25: Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession

Q45 How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself,¹⁷⁴ and giving them officers,¹⁷⁵ laws,¹⁷⁶ and censures, by which he visibly governs them;¹⁷⁷ in bestowing saving grace upon his elect,¹⁷⁸ rewarding their obedience,¹⁷⁹ and correcting them for their sins,¹⁸⁰ preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings,¹⁸¹ restraining and overcoming all their enemies,¹⁸² and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory,¹⁸³ and their good;¹⁸⁴ and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.¹⁸⁵

Q46 What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

A The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.¹⁸⁶

Q47 How did Christ humble himself in his conception and birth?

for them.

¹⁷⁴Act 15:14-16: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Gen 49:10: The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Psa 110:3: Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

¹⁷⁵Eph 4:11-12: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1 Cor 12:28: And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

¹⁷⁶Isa 33:22: For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us.

¹⁷⁷Mat 18:17-18: And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

1 Cor 5:4-5: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁷⁸Act 5:31: Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

¹⁷⁹Rev 22:12: And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Rev 2:10: Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

¹⁸⁰Rev 3:19: As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

¹⁸¹Isa 63:9: In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁸²1 Cor 15:25: For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

Psa 110:1-2: The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

¹⁸³Rom 14:10-11: But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

¹⁸⁴Rom 8:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

¹⁸⁵2 The 1:8-9: In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Psa 2:8-9: Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

¹⁸⁶Phi 2:6-8: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Luk 1:31: And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

2 Cor 8:9: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Act 2:24: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

A Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fulness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.¹⁸⁷

Q48 How did Christ humble himself in his life?

A Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law,¹⁸⁸ which he perfectly fulfilled;¹⁸⁹ and by conflicting with the indignities of the world,¹⁹⁰ temptations of Satan,¹⁹¹ and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.¹⁹²

Q49 How did Christ humble himself in his death?

A Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas,¹⁹³ forsaken by his disciples,¹⁹⁴ scorned and rejected by the world,¹⁹⁵ condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors;¹⁹⁶ having also conflicted with

¹⁸⁷Joh 1:14,18: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Gal 4:4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Luk 2:7: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

¹⁸⁸Gal 4:4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

¹⁸⁹Mat 5:17: Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Rom 5:19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

¹⁹⁰Psa 22:6: But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

Heb 12:2-3: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

¹⁹¹Mat 4:1-12: Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

Luk 4:13: And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

¹⁹²Heb 2:17-18: Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 4:15: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Isa 52:13-14: Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

¹⁹³Mat 27:4: Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

¹⁹⁴Mat 26:56: But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

¹⁹⁵Isa 53:2-3: For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

¹⁹⁶Mat 27:26-50: Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were

the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath,¹⁹⁷ he laid down his life an offering for sin,¹⁹⁸ enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.¹⁹⁹

Q50 Wherein consisted Christ's humiliation after his death?

A Christ's humiliation after his death consisted in his being buried,²⁰⁰ and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day;²⁰¹ which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, He descended into hell.

Q51 What was the estate of Christ's exaltation?

A The estate of Christ's exaltation comprehendeth his resurrection,²⁰² ascension,²⁰³ sitting at the right hand of the Father,²⁰⁴ and his coming again to judge the world.²⁰⁵

Q52 How was Christ exalted in his resurrection?

A Christ was exalted in his resurrection, in that, not having seen corruption in death, (of which it was not possible for him to be held,)²⁰⁶ and having the very same body in which he suffered, with the essential properties thereof,²⁰⁷ (but without mortality, and other common infirmities belonging to this life,) really united to his soul,²⁰⁸ he rose

crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Joh 19:34: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

¹⁹⁷Luk 22:44: And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Mat 27:46: And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

¹⁹⁸Isa 53:10: Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹⁹⁹Phi 2:8: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Heb 12:2: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gal 3:13: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

²⁰⁰1 Cor 15:3-4: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

²⁰¹Psa 16:10: For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Act 2:24-27,31: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Rom 6:9: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

Mat 12:40: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

²⁰²1 Cor 15:4: And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

²⁰³Mar 16:19: So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

²⁰⁴Eph 1:20: Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

²⁰⁵Act 1:11: Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Act 17:31: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

²⁰⁶Act 2:24,27: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

²⁰⁷Luk 24:39: Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

²⁰⁸Rom 6:9: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

Rev 1:18: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

again from the dead the third day by his own power;²⁰⁹ whereby he declared himself to be the Son of God,²¹⁰ to have satisfied divine justice,²¹¹ to have vanquished death, and him that had the power of it,²¹² and to be Lord of quick and dead;²¹³ all which he did as a public person,²¹⁴ the head of his church,²¹⁵ for their justification,²¹⁶ quickening in grace,²¹⁷ support against enemies,²¹⁸ and to assure them of their resurrection from the dead at the last day.²¹⁹

Q53 How was Christ exalted in his ascension?

A Christ was exalted in his ascension, in that having after his resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with his apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God,²²⁰ and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations,²²¹ forty days after his resurrection, he, in our nature, and as our head,²²² triumphing over enemies,²²³ visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men,²²⁴ to raise up our affections thither,²²⁵ and to prepare a place for us,²²⁶ where he himself is, and shall continue till his second coming at the end

²⁰⁹Joh 10:18: No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

²¹⁰Rom 1:4: And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

²¹¹Rom 8:34: Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

²¹²Heb 2:14: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

²¹³Rom 14:9: For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

²¹⁴1 Cor 15:21-22: For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

²¹⁵Eph 1:20-23: Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Col 1:18: And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

²¹⁶Rom 4:25: Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

²¹⁷Eph 2:1,5-6: And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Col 2:12: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

²¹⁸1 Cor 15:25-27: For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

²¹⁹1 Cor 15:20: But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

²²⁰Act 1:2-3: Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

²²¹Mat 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

²²²Heb 6:20: Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

²²³Eph 4:8: Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

²²⁴Act 1:9-11: And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Eph 4:10: He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Psa 68:18: Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.

²²⁵Col 3:1-2: If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

²²⁶Joh 14:3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

of the world.²²⁷

Q54 How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?

A Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favour with God the Father,²²⁸ with all fulness of joy,²²⁹ glory,²³⁰ and power over all things in heaven and earth,²³¹ and does gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnisheth his ministers and people with gifts and graces,²³² and maketh intercession for them.²³³

Q55 How doeth Christ make intercession?

A Christ maketh intercession, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven,²³⁴ in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth,²³⁵ declaring his will to have it applied to all believers;²³⁶ answering all accusations against them,²³⁷ and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings,²³⁸ access with boldness to the throne of grace,²³⁹ and acceptance of their persons²⁴⁰ and services.²⁴¹

Q56 How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

A Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by

²²⁷Act 3:21: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

²²⁸Phi 2:9: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

²²⁹Act 2:28: Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Psa 16:11: Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

²³⁰Joh 17:5: And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

²³¹Eph 1:22: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

1 Pet 3:22: Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

²³²Eph 4:10-12: He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Psa 110:1: The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

²³³Rom 8:34: Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

²³⁴Heb 9:12,24: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

²³⁵Heb 1:3: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

²³⁶Joh 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 17:9,20,24: I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

²³⁷Rom 8:33-34: Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

²³⁸Rom 5:1-2: Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 Joh 2:1-2: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

²³⁹Heb 4:16: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

²⁴⁰Eph 1:6: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

²⁴¹1 Pet 2:5: Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

wicked men,²⁴² shall come again at the last day in great power,²⁴³ and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels,²⁴⁴ with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God,²⁴⁵ to judge the world in righteousness.²⁴⁶

Q57 What benefits hath Christ procured by his mediation?

A Christ, by his mediation, hath procured redemption,²⁴⁷ with all other benefits of the covenant of grace.²⁴⁸

Q58 How do we come to be made partakers of the benefits which Christ hath procured?

A We are made partakers of the benefits which Christ hath procured, by the application of them unto us,²⁴⁹ which is the work especially of God the Holy Ghost.²⁵⁰

Q59 Who are made partakers of redemption through Christ?

A Redemption is certainly applied, and effectually communicated, to all those for whom Christ hath purchased it,²⁵¹ who are in time by the Holy Ghost enabled to believe in Christ according to the gospel.²⁵²

Q60 Can they who have never heard the gospel, and so know not Jesus Christ, nor believe in him, be saved by their living according to the light of nature?

A They who, having never heard the gospel,²⁵³ know not Jesus Christ,²⁵⁴ and believe not in him, cannot be saved,²⁵⁵

²⁴²Act 3:14-15: But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

²⁴³Mat 24:30: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

²⁴⁴Luk 9:26: For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Mat 25:31: When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

²⁴⁵1 The 4:16: For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

²⁴⁶Act 17:31: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

²⁴⁷Heb 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

²⁴⁸2 Cor 1:20: For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

²⁴⁹Joh 1:11-12: He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

²⁵⁰Tit 3:5-6: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

²⁵¹Eph 1:13-14: In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Joh 6:37,39: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 10:15-16: As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

²⁵²Eph 2:8: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2 Cor 4:13: We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

²⁵³Rom 10:14: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

²⁵⁴2 The 1:8-9: In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Eph 2:12: That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Joh 1:10-12: He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

²⁵⁵Joh 8:24: I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature,²⁵⁶ or the laws of that religion which they profess;²⁵⁷ neither is there salvation in any other, but in Christ alone,²⁵⁸ who is the Savior only of his body the church.²⁵⁹

Q61 Are all they saved who hear the gospel, and live in the church?

A All that hear the gospel, and live in the visible church, are not saved; but they only who are true members of the church invisible.²⁶⁰

Q62 What is the visible church?

A The visible church is a society made up of all such as in all ages and places of the world do profess the true religion,²⁶¹ and of their children.²⁶²

Mar 16:16: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

²⁵⁶1 Cor 1:20-24: Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

²⁵⁷Joh 4:22: Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

Rom 9:31-32: But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Phi 3:4-9: Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

²⁵⁸Act 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

²⁵⁹Eph 5:23: For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

²⁶⁰Joh 12:38-40: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Rom 9:6: Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Mat 22:14: For many are called, but few are chosen.

Mat 7:21: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Rom 11:7: What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

²⁶¹1 Cor 1:2: Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

1 Cor 12:13: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Rom 15:9-12: And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

Rev 7:9: After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Psa 2:8: Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Psa 22:27-31: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD's: and he is the governor among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Psa 45:17: I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

Mat 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Isa 59:21: As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

²⁶²1 Cor 7:14: For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

Act 2:39: For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

Rom 11:16: For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

Gen 17:7: And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Q63 What are the special privileges of the visible church?

A The visible church hath the privilege of being under God's special care and government;²⁶³ of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies;²⁶⁴ and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation,²⁶⁵ and offers of grace by Christ to all the members of it in the ministry of the gospel, testifying, that whosoever believes in him shall be saved,²⁶⁶ and excluding none that will come unto him.²⁶⁷

Q64 What is the invisible church?

A The invisible church is the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one under Christ the head.²⁶⁸

Q65 What special benefits do the members of the invisible church enjoy by Christ?

A The members of the invisible church by Christ enjoy union and communion with him in grace and glory.²⁶⁹

Q66 What is that union which the elect have with Christ?

A The union which the elect have with Christ is the work of God's grace,²⁷⁰ whereby they are spiritually and mystically,

²⁶³Isa 9:5-6: For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

1 Tim 4:10: For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

²⁶⁴Psa 115:1-2,9: Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield.

Isa 31:4-5: For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

Zec 12:2-4,8-9: Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

²⁶⁵Act 2:39,42: For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

²⁶⁶Psa 147:19-20: He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

Rom 9:4: Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

Eph 4:11-12: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Mar 16:15-16: And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

²⁶⁷Joh 6:37: All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

²⁶⁸Eph 1:10: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Eph 1:22-23: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Joh 10:16: And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Joh 11:52: And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

²⁶⁹Joh 17:21: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Eph 2:5-6: Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Joh 17:24: Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

²⁷⁰Eph 1:22: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Eph 2:6-7: And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

yet really and inseparably, joined to Christ as their head and husband;²⁷¹ which is done in their effectual calling.²⁷²

Q67 What is effectual calling?

A Effectual calling is the work of God's almighty power and grace,²⁷³ whereby (out of his free and special love to his elect, and from nothing in them moving him thereunto)²⁷⁴ he doth, in his accepted time, invite and draw them to Jesus Christ, by his Word and Spirit;²⁷⁵ savingly enlightening their minds,²⁷⁶ renewing and powerfully determining their wills,²⁷⁷ so as they (although in themselves dead in sin) are hereby made willing and able freely to answer his call, and to accept and embrace the grace offered and conveyed therein.²⁷⁸

Q68 Are the elect only effectually called?

A All the elect, and they only, are effectually called:²⁷⁹ although others may be, and often are, outwardly called by

²⁷¹1 Cor 6:17: But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Joh 10:28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Eph 5:23,30: For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

²⁷²1 Pet 5:10: But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Cor 1:9: God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

²⁷³Joh 5:25: Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Eph 1:18-20: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

2 Tim 1:8-9: Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

²⁷⁴Tit 3:4-5: But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Eph 2:4-5,7-9: But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 9:11: (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

²⁷⁵2 Cor 5:20: Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Cor 6:1-2: We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Joh 6:44: No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

2 The 2:13-14: But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁷⁶Act 26:18: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1 Cor 2:10,12: But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

²⁷⁷Eze 11:19: And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Eze 36:26-27: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Joh 6:45: It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

²⁷⁸Eph 2:5: Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Phi 2:13: For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Deu 30:6: And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

²⁷⁹Act 13:48: And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

the ministry of the Word,²⁸⁰ and have some common operations of the Spirit;²⁸¹ who, for their wilful neglect and contempt of the grace offered to them, being justly left in their unbelief, do never truly come to Jesus Christ.²⁸²

Q69 What is the communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

A The communion in grace which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is their partaking of the virtue of his mediation, in their justification,²⁸³ adoption,²⁸⁴ sanctification, and whatever else, in this life, manifests their union with him.²⁸⁵

Q70 What is justification?

A Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners,²⁸⁶ in which he pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in his sight;²⁸⁷ not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them,²⁸⁸ but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them,²⁸⁹ and received by faith alone.²⁹⁰

²⁸⁰Mat 22:14: For many are called, but few are chosen.

²⁸¹Mat 7:22: Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Heb 6:4-6: For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

²⁸²Joh 12:38-40: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

Act 28:25-27: And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Joh 6:64-65: But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Psa 81:11-12: But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

²⁸³Rom 8:30: Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

²⁸⁴Eph 1:5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

²⁸⁵1 Cor 1:30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

²⁸⁶Rom 3:22,24-25: Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 4:5: But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

²⁸⁷2 Cor 5:19,21: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Rom 3:22,24-25,27-28: Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

²⁸⁸Tit 3:5,7: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Eph 1:7: In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

²⁸⁹Rom 5:17-19: For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Rom 4:6-8: Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

²⁹⁰Act 10:43: To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Gal 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Phi 3:9: And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Q71 How is justification an act of God's free grace?

A Although Christ, by his obedience and death, did make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice in the behalf of them that are justified;²⁹¹ yet in as much as God accepteth the satisfaction from a surety, which he might have demanded of them, and did provide this surety, his own only Son,²⁹² imputing his righteousness to them,²⁹³ and requiring nothing of them for their justification but faith,²⁹⁴ which also is his gift,²⁹⁵ their justification is to them of free grace.²⁹⁶

Q72 What is justifying faith?

A Justifying faith is a saving grace,²⁹⁷ wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit²⁹⁸ and Word of God,²⁹⁹ whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out

²⁹¹Rom 5:8-10,19: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

²⁹²1 Tim 2:5-6: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Heb 10:10: By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Mat 20:28: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Dan 9:24,26: Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Isa 53:4-6,10-12: Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Heb 7:22: By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

Rom 8:32: He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

1 Pet 1:18-19: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

²⁹³2 Cor 5:21: For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

²⁹⁴Rom 3:24-25: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

²⁹⁵Eph 2:8: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

²⁹⁶Eph 1:17: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

²⁹⁷Heb 10:39: But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

²⁹⁸2 Cor 4:13: We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Eph 1:17-19: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

²⁹⁹Rom 10:14-17: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

of his lost condition,³⁰⁰ not only assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel,³⁰¹ but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth, for pardon of sin,³⁰² and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation.³⁰³

Q73 How doth faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

A Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it,³⁰⁴ nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification;³⁰⁵ but only as it is an instrument by which he receiveth and applieth Christ and his righteousness.³⁰⁶

Q74 What is adoption?

A Adoption is an act of the free grace of God,³⁰⁷ in and for his only Son Jesus Christ,³⁰⁸ whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children,³⁰⁹ have his name put upon them,³¹⁰ the Spirit of his Son given to them,³¹¹ are under his fatherly care and dispensations,³¹² admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.³¹³

³⁰⁰Act 2:37: Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 16:30: And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Joh 16:8-9: And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Rom 6:6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Eph 2:1: And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Act 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

³⁰¹Eph 1:13: In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

³⁰²Joh 1:12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Act 16:31: And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Act 10:43: To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

³⁰³Phi 3:9: And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Act 15:11: But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

³⁰⁴Gal 3:11: But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Rom 3:28: Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

³⁰⁵Rom 4:5: But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 10:10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

³⁰⁶Joh 1:12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Phi 3:9: And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Gal 1:16: To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

³⁰⁷Joh 3:1: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

³⁰⁸Eph 1:5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Gal 4:4-5: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

³⁰⁹Joh 1:12: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

³¹⁰2 Cor 6:18: And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Rev 3:12: Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

³¹¹Gal 4:6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

³¹²Psa 103:13: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

Pro 14:26: In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Mat 6:32: (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³¹³Heb 6:12: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Rom 8:17: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Q75 What is sanctification?

A Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit³¹⁴ applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them,³¹⁵ renewed in their whole man after the image of God;³¹⁶ having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts,³¹⁷ and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened,³¹⁸ as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life.³¹⁹

Q76 What is repentance unto life?

A Repentance unto life is a saving grace,³²⁰ wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit³²¹ and Word of God,³²² whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger,³²³ but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins,³²⁴

³¹⁴Eph 1:4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1 Cor 6:11: And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

2 The 2:13: But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

³¹⁵Rom 6:4-6: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

³¹⁶Eph 4:23-24: And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

³¹⁷Act 11:18: When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

1 Joh 3:9: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

³¹⁸Jud 20: But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
Heb 6:11-12: And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Eph 3:16-19: That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Col 1:10-11: That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

³¹⁹Rom 6:4,6,14: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Gal 5:24: And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

³²⁰2 Tim 2:25: In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

³²¹Zec 12:10: And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

³²²Act 11:18,20-21: When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the LORD Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

³²³Eze 18:28,30,32: Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Luk 15:17-18: And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Hos 2:6-7: Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

³²⁴Eze 36:31: Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

Isa 30:22: Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent,³²⁵ he so grieves for³²⁶ and hates his sins,³²⁷ as that he turns from them all to God,³²⁸ purposing and endeavouring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.³²⁹

Q77 Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

A Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification,³³⁰ yet they differ, in that God in justification imputeth the righteousness of Christ;³³¹ in sanctification of his Spirit infuseth grace, and enableth to the exercise thereof;³³² in the former, sin is pardoned;³³³ in the other, it is subdued:³³⁴ the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation³³⁵ the other is neither equal in all,³³⁶ nor in this life perfect in any,³³⁷ but growing up to perfection.³³⁸

³²⁵Joe 2:12-13: Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

³²⁶Jer 31:18-19: I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

³²⁷2 Cor 7:11: For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

³²⁸Act 26:18: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Eze 14:6: Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

1 Kin 8:47-48: Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name:

³²⁹Psa 119:6,59,128: Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Luk 1:6: And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

2 Kin 23:25: And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

³³⁰1 Cor 6:11: And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Cor 1:30: But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

³³¹Rom 4:6,8: Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

³³²Eze 36:27: And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

³³³Rom 3:24-25: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

³³⁴Rom 6:6,14: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

³³⁵Rom 8:33-34: Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

³³⁶1 Joh 2:12-14: I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Heb 5:12-14: For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

³³⁷1 Joh 1:8,10: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

³³⁸2 Cor 7:1: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Phi 3:12-14: Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also

Q78 Whence ariseth the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

A The imperfection of sanctification in believers ariseth from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins,³³⁹ are hindered in all their spiritual services,³⁴⁰ and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.³⁴¹

Q79 May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

A True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God,³⁴² and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance,³⁴³ their inseparable union with Christ,³⁴⁴ his continual intercession for them,³⁴⁵ and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them,³⁴⁶ can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace,³⁴⁷ but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.³⁴⁸

Q80 Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

A Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavour to walk in all good conscience before him,³⁴⁹ may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in

I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

³³⁹Rom 7:18,23: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Mar 14:66: And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

Gal 2:11-12: But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

³⁴⁰Heb 12:1: Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

³⁴¹Isa 64:6: But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Exo 28:38: And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

³⁴²Jer 31:3: The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

³⁴³2 Tim 2:19: Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Heb 13:20-21: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Sam 23:5: Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

³⁴⁴1 Cor 1:8-9: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

³⁴⁵Heb 7:25: Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Luk 22:32: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

³⁴⁶1 Joh 3:9: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 Joh 2:27: But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

³⁴⁷Jer 32:40: And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Joh 10:28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

³⁴⁸1 Pet 1:5: Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

³⁴⁹1 Joh 2:3: And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made,³⁵⁰ and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God,³⁵¹ be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.³⁵²

Q81 Are all true believers at all times assured of their present being in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved?

A Assurance of grace and salvation not being of the essence of faith,³⁵³ true believers may wait long before they obtain it;³⁵⁴ and, after the enjoyment thereof, may have it weakened and intermitted, through manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions;³⁵⁵ yet they are never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair.³⁵⁶

Q82 What is the communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ?

A The communion in glory which the members of the invisible church have with Christ, is in this life,³⁵⁷ immediately

³⁵⁰1 Cor 2:12: Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1 Joh 3:14,18-19,21,24: We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 Joh 4:13,16: Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Heb 6:11-12: And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

³⁵¹Rom 8:16: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

³⁵²1 Joh 5:13: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

³⁵³Eph 1:13: In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

³⁵⁴Isa 50:10: Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Psa 88:1-3,6-7,9-10,13-15: O lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.

³⁵⁵Psa 77:1-12: I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Son 5:2-3,6: I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

Psa 51:8,12: Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psa 31:22: For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

Psa 22:1: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

³⁵⁶1 Joh 3:9: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Psa 73:15,23: If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Isa 54:7-10: For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

³⁵⁷2 Cor 3:18: But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

after death,³⁵⁸ and at last perfected at the resurrection and day of judgment.³⁵⁹

Q83 What is the communion in glory with Christ which the members of the invisible church enjoy in this life?

A The members of the invisible church have communicated to them in this life the firstfruits of glory with Christ, as they are members of him their head, and so in him are interested in that glory which he is fully possessed of;³⁶⁰ and, as an earnest thereof, enjoy the sense of God's love,³⁶¹ peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, and hope of glory;³⁶² as, on the contrary, sense of God's revenging wrath, horror of conscience, and a fearful expectation of judgment, are to the wicked the beginning of their torments which they shall endure after death.³⁶³

Q84 Shall all men die?

A Death being threatened as the wages of sin,³⁶⁴ it is appointed unto all men once to die;³⁶⁵ for that all have sinned.³⁶⁶

Q85 Death, being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?

A The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it;³⁶⁷ so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love,³⁶⁸ to free them perfectly from sin and misery,³⁶⁹ and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.³⁷⁰

Q86 What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death?

³⁵⁸Luk 23:43: And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

³⁵⁹1 The 4:17: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

³⁶⁰Eph 2:5-6: Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

³⁶¹Rom 5:5: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
2 Cor 1:22: Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

³⁶²Rom 5:1-2: Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
Rom 14:17: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

³⁶³Gen 4:13: And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.
Mat 27:4: Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.
Heb 10:27: But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
Rom 2:9: Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;
Mar 9:44: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

³⁶⁴Rom 6:23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

³⁶⁵Heb 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

³⁶⁶Rom 5:12: Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

³⁶⁷1 Cor 15:26,55-57: The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Heb 2:15: And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

³⁶⁸Isa 57:1-2: The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.
2 Kin 22:20: Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

³⁶⁹Rev 14:13: And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
Eph 5:27: That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

³⁷⁰Luk 23:43: And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
Phi 1:23: For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

A The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible church enjoy immediately after death is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness,³⁷¹ and received into the highest heavens,³⁷² where they behold the face of God in light and glory,³⁷³ waiting for the full redemption of their bodies,³⁷⁴ which even in death continue united to Christ,³⁷⁵ and rest in their graves as in their beds,³⁷⁶ till at the last day they be again united to their souls.³⁷⁷ Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.³⁷⁸

Q87 What are we to believe concerning the resurrection?

A We are to believe that at the last day there shall be a general resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust:³⁷⁹ when they that are then found alive shall in a moment be changed; and the selfsame bodies of the dead which were laid in the grave, being then again united to their souls forever, shall be raised up by the power of Christ.³⁸⁰ The bodies of the just, by the Spirit of Christ, and by virtue of his resurrection as their head, shall be raised in power, spiritual, incorruptible, and made like to his glorious body;³⁸¹ and the bodies of the wicked shall be raised up in

³⁷¹Heb 12:23: To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

³⁷²2 Cor 5:1,6,8: For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Phi 1:23: For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Act 3:21: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Eph 4:10: He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

³⁷³1 Joh 3:2: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 Cor 13:12: For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

³⁷⁴Rom 8:23: And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Psa 16:9: Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

³⁷⁵1 The 4:14: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

³⁷⁶Isa 57:2: He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

³⁷⁷Job19:26-27: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

³⁷⁸Luk 16:23-24: And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Act 1:25: That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

Jud 6-7: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

³⁷⁹Act 24:15: And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

³⁸⁰1 Cor 15:51-53: Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 The 4:15-17: For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Joh 5:28-29: Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

³⁸¹1 Cor 15:21-23,42-44: For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Phi 3:21: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

dishonour by him, as an offended judge.³⁸²

Q88 What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

A Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men;³⁸³ the day and hour whereof no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.³⁸⁴

Q89 What shall be done to the wicked at the day of judgment?

A At the day of judgment, the wicked shall be set on Christ's left hand,³⁸⁵ and, upon clear evidence, and full conviction of their own consciences,³⁸⁶ shall have the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them;³⁸⁷ and thereupon shall be cast out from the favourable presence of God, and the glorious fellowship with Christ, his saints, and all his holy angels, into hell, to be punished with unspeakable torments, both of body and soul, with the devil and his angels forever.³⁸⁸

Q90 What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

A At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds,³⁸⁹ shall be set on his right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted,³⁹⁰ shall join with him in the judging of reprobate angels and men,³⁹¹ and shall be received into heaven,³⁹² where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery;³⁹³ filled with inconceivable joys,³⁹⁴ made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints

³⁸²Joh 5:27-29: And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Mat 25:33: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

³⁸³2 Pet 2:4,6-7,14-15: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; Mat 25:46: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

³⁸⁴Mat 24:36,42,44: But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

³⁸⁵Mat 25:33: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

³⁸⁶Rom 2:15-16: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

³⁸⁷Mat 25:41-43: Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

³⁸⁸Luk 16:26: And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

2 The 1:8-9: In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

³⁸⁹1 The 4:17: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

³⁹⁰Mat 25:33: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 10:32: Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

³⁹¹1 Cor 6:2-3: Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

³⁹²Mat 25:34,46: Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

³⁹³Eph 5:27: That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Rev 14:13: And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

³⁹⁴Psa 16:11: Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

and holy angels,³⁹⁵ but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity.³⁹⁶ And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

Q91 What is the duty which God requireth of man?

A The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will.³⁹⁷

Q92 What did God at first reveal unto man as the rule of his obedience?

A The rule of obedience revealed to Adam in the estate of innocence, and to all mankind in him, besides a special command not to eat of the fruit of the tree knowledge of good and evil, was the moral law.³⁹⁸

Q93 What is the moral law?

A The moral law is the declaration of the will of God to mankind, directing and binding every one to personal, perfect, and perpetual conformity and obedience thereunto, in the frame and disposition of the whole man, soul and body,³⁹⁹ and in performance of all those duties of holiness and righteousness which he oweth to God and man:⁴⁰⁰ promising life upon the fulfilling, and threatening death upon the breach of it.⁴⁰¹

Q94 Is there any use of the moral law to man since the fall?

³⁹⁵Heb 12:22-23: But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

³⁹⁶1 Joh 3:2: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 Cor 13:12: For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1 The 4:17-18: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

³⁹⁷Rom 12:1-2: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Mic 6:8: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

1 Sam 15:22: And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

³⁹⁸Gen 1:26-27: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Rom 2:14-15: For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Rom 10:5: For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Gen 2:17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

³⁹⁹Deu 5:1-3,31,33: And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Luk 10:26-27: He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

1 The 5:23: And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁰⁰Luk 1:75: In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Act 24:16: And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men.

⁴⁰¹Rom 10:5: For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

Gal 3:10: For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Gal 3:12: And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

A Although no man, since the fall, can attain to righteousness and life by the moral law:⁴⁰² yet there is great use thereof, as well common to all men, as peculiar either to the unregenerate, or the regenerate.⁴⁰³

Q95 Of what use is the moral law to all men?

A The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and the will of God,⁴⁰⁴ and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly;⁴⁰⁵ to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives:⁴⁰⁶ to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery,⁴⁰⁷ and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ,⁴⁰⁸ and of the perfection of his obedience.⁴⁰⁹

Q96 What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men?

A The moral law is of use to unregenerate men, to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath to come,⁴¹⁰ and to drive them to Christ;⁴¹¹ or, upon their continuance in the estate and way of sin, to leave them inexcusable,⁴¹² and under the curse thereof.⁴¹³

Q97 What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?

A Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works,⁴¹⁴

⁴⁰²Rom 8:3: For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Gal 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

⁴⁰³1 Tim 1:8: But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

⁴⁰⁴Lev 11:44-45: For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Lev 20:7-8: Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.

Rom 8:12: Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

⁴⁰⁵Mic 6:8: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Jam 2:10-11: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

⁴⁰⁶Psa 19:11-12: Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Rom 3:20: Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Rom 7:7: What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

⁴⁰⁷Rom 3:9,23: What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

⁴⁰⁸Gal 3:21-22: Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

⁴⁰⁹Rom 10:4: For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

⁴¹⁰1 Tim 1:9-10: Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

⁴¹¹Gal 3:24: Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

⁴¹²Rom 1:20: For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Rom 2:15: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

⁴¹³Gal 3:10: For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

⁴¹⁴Rom 6:14: For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Rom 7:4,6: Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

so as thereby they are neither justified⁴¹⁵ nor condemned;⁴¹⁶ yet, besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good;⁴¹⁷ and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness,⁴¹⁸ and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.⁴¹⁹

Q98 Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

A The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments, which were delivered by the voice of God upon Mount Sinai, and written by him in two tables of stone;⁴²⁰ and are recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The four first commandments containing our duty to God, and the other six our duty to man.⁴²¹

Q99 What rules are to be observed for the right understanding of the ten commandments?

A For the right understanding of the ten commandments, these rules are to be observed:

1. That the law is perfect, and bindeth everyone to full conformity in the whole man unto the righteousness thereof, and unto entire obedience forever; so as to require the utmost perfection of every duty, and to forbid the least degree of every sin.⁴²²
2. That it is spiritual, and so reacheth the understanding, will, affections, and all other powers of the soul; as well as words, works, and gestures.⁴²³

Gal 4:4-5: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

⁴¹⁵Rom 3:20: Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

⁴¹⁶Gal 5:23: Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Rom 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

⁴¹⁷Rom 7:24-25: O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Gal 3:13-14: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Rom 8:3-4: For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

⁴¹⁸Luk 1:68-69,74-75: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Col 1:12-14: Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

⁴¹⁹Rom 7:22: For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 12:2: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Tit 2:11-14: For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

⁴²⁰Deu 10:4: And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

Exo 34:1-4: And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

⁴²¹Mat 22:37-40: Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

⁴²²Psa 19:7: The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Jam 2:10: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Mat 5:21-22: Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

⁴²³Rom 7:14: For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

3. That one and the same thing, in divers respects, is required or forbidden in several commandments.⁴²⁴

4. That as, where a duty is commanded, the contrary sin is forbidden;⁴²⁵ and, where a sin is forbidden, the contrary duty is commanded.⁴²⁶ so, where a promise is annexed, the contrary threatening is included;⁴²⁷ and, where a threatening is annexed, the contrary promise is included.⁴²⁸

Deu 6:5: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Mat 22:37-39: Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mat 5:21-22,27-28,33-34,37-39,43-44: Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

⁴²⁴Col 3:5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Amo 8:5: Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Pro 1:19: So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

1 Tim 6:10: For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

⁴²⁵Isa 58:13: If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Deu 6:13: Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

Mat 4:9-10: And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Mat 15:4-6: For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

⁴²⁶Mat 5:21-25: Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Eph 4:28: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

⁴²⁷Exo 20:12: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Pro 30:17: The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

⁴²⁸Jer 18:7-8: At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

Exo 20:7: Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Psa 15:1,4-5: Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psa 24:4-5: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

5. That what God forbids, is at no time to be done;⁴²⁹ what he commands, is always our duty;⁴³⁰ and yet every particular duty is not to be done at all times.⁴³¹
6. That under one sin or duty, all of the same kind are forbidden or commanded; together with all the causes, means, occasions, and appearances thereof, and provocations thereunto.⁴³²
7. That what is forbidden or commanded to ourselves, we are bound, according to our places to endeavour that it may be avoided or performed by others, according to the duty of their places.⁴³³
8. That in what is commanded to others, we are bound, according to our places and callings, to be helpful to them;⁴³⁴ and to take heed of partaking with others in what is forbidden them.⁴³⁵

Q100 What special things are we to consider in the ten commandments?

A We are to consider in the ten commandments, the preface, the substance of the commandments themselves, and several reasons annexed to some of them, the more to enforce them.

Q101 What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A The preface to the ten commandments is contained in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.⁴³⁶ Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being JEHOVAH, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God;⁴³⁷ having his being in and of himself,⁴³⁸ and giving being to all his

⁴²⁹Job13:7-8: Will ye speak wickedly for God? and talk deceitfully for him? Will ye accept his person? will ye contend for God?

Rom 3:8: And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

Job36:21: Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

Heb 11:25: Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

⁴³⁰Deu 4:8-9: And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;

⁴³¹Mat 12:7: But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

⁴³²Mat 5:21-22,27-28: Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Mat 15:4-6: For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Heb 10:24-25: And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1 The 5:22: Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Jud 23: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Gal 5:26: Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Col 3:21: Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

⁴³³Exo 20:10: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Lev 19:17: Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Gen 18:19: For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Jos 14:15: And the name of Hebron before was Kirjatharba; which Arba was a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

Deu 6:6-7: And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

⁴³⁴2 Cor 1:24: Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

⁴³⁵1 Tim 5:22: Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

Eph 5:11: And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

⁴³⁶Exo 20:2: I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

⁴³⁷Isa 44:6: Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

⁴³⁸Exo 3:14: And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

words⁴³⁹ and works:⁴⁴⁰ and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people;⁴⁴¹ who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivereth us from our spiritual thralldom;⁴⁴² and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.⁴⁴³

Q102 What is the sum of the four commandments which contain our duty to God?

A The sum of the four commandments containing our duty to God is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our strength, and with all our mind.⁴⁴⁴

Q103 Which is the first commandment?

A The first commandment is, Thou shall have no other gods before me.⁴⁴⁵

Q104 What are the duties required in the first commandment?

A The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God;⁴⁴⁶ and to worship and glorify him accordingly,⁴⁴⁷ by thinking,⁴⁴⁸ meditating,⁴⁴⁹ remembering,⁴⁵⁰

⁴³⁹Exo 6:3: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.

⁴⁴⁰Act 17:24,28: God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

⁴⁴¹Gen 17:7: And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Rom 3:29: Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

⁴⁴²Luk 1:74-75: That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

⁴⁴³1 Pet 1:15,17-18: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

Lev 18:30: Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

Lev 19:37: Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD.

⁴⁴⁴Luk 10:27: And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

⁴⁴⁵Exo 20:3: Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

⁴⁴⁶1 Chr 28:9: And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Deu 26:7: And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

Isa 43:10: Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Jer 14:22: Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

⁴⁴⁷Psa 95:6-7: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

Mat 4:10: Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Psa 29:2: Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

⁴⁴⁸Mal 3:16: Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

⁴⁴⁹Psa 63:6: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

⁴⁵⁰Ecc 12:1: Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

highly esteeming,⁴⁵¹ honouring,⁴⁵² adoring,⁴⁵³ choosing,⁴⁵⁴ loving,⁴⁵⁵ desiring,⁴⁵⁶ fearing of him;⁴⁵⁷ believing him;⁴⁵⁸ trusting⁴⁵⁹ hoping,⁴⁶⁰ delighting,⁴⁶¹ rejoicing in him;⁴⁶² being zealous for him;⁴⁶³ calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks,⁴⁶⁴ and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man;⁴⁶⁵ being careful in all things to please him,⁴⁶⁶ and sorrowful when in any thing he is offended;⁴⁶⁷ and walking humbly with him.⁴⁶⁸

Q105 What are the sins forbidden in the first commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the first commandment are, atheism, in denying or not having a God;⁴⁶⁹ idolatry, in having or worshipping more gods than one, or any with or instead of the true God;⁴⁷⁰ the not having and avouching him for

⁴⁵¹Psa 71:19: Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!

⁴⁵²Mal 1:6: A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

⁴⁵³Isa 45:23: I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

⁴⁵⁴Jos 24:15,22: And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

⁴⁵⁵Deu 6:5: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

⁴⁵⁶Psa 73:25: Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

⁴⁵⁷Isa 8:13: Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

⁴⁵⁸Exo 14:31: And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

⁴⁵⁹Isa 26:4: Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

⁴⁶⁰Psa 130:7: Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

⁴⁶¹Psa 37:4: Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

⁴⁶²Psa 32:11: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

⁴⁶³Rom 12:11: Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Num 25:11: Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy.

⁴⁶⁴Phi 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁴⁶⁵Jer 7:23: But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Jam 4:7: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁴⁶⁶1 Joh 3:22: And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

⁴⁶⁷Jer 31:18: I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

Psa 119:136: Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

⁴⁶⁸Mic 6:8: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

⁴⁶⁹Psa 14:1: The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Eph 2:12: That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

⁴⁷⁰Jer 2:27-28: Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

1 The 1:9: For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

God, and our God;⁴⁷¹ the omission or neglect of anything due to him, required in this commandment;⁴⁷² ignorance,⁴⁷³ forgetfulness,⁴⁷⁴ misapprehensions,⁴⁷⁵ false opinions,⁴⁷⁶ unworthy and wicked thoughts of him;⁴⁷⁷ bold and curious searching into his secrets;⁴⁷⁸ all profaneness,⁴⁷⁹ hatred of God;⁴⁸⁰ self-love,⁴⁸¹ self-seeking,⁴⁸² and all other inordinate and immoderate setting of our mind, will, or affections upon other things, and taking them off from him in whole

⁴⁷¹Psa 81:11: But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

⁴⁷²Isa 43:2,23-24: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense. Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

⁴⁷³Jer 4:22: For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

Hos 4:1,6: Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

⁴⁷⁴Jer 2:32: Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

⁴⁷⁵Act 17:23,29: For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

⁴⁷⁶Isa 40:18: To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

⁴⁷⁷Psa 50:21: These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

⁴⁷⁸Deu 29:29: The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

⁴⁷⁹Tit 1:16: They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Heb 12:16: Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

⁴⁸⁰Rom 1:30: Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

⁴⁸¹2 Tim 3:2: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

⁴⁸²Phi 2:21: For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

or in part;⁴⁸³ vain credulity,⁴⁸⁴ unbelief,⁴⁸⁵ heresy,⁴⁸⁶ misbelief,⁴⁸⁷ distrust,⁴⁸⁸ despair,⁴⁸⁹ incorrigibleness,⁴⁹⁰ and insensibleness under judgments,⁴⁹¹ hardness of heart,⁴⁹² pride,⁴⁹³ presumption,⁴⁹⁴ carnal security,⁴⁹⁵ tempting of God;⁴⁹⁶ using unlawful means,⁴⁹⁷ and trusting in lawful means;⁴⁹⁸ carnal delights and joys;⁴⁹⁹ corrupt, blind, and indiscreet zeal;⁵⁰⁰ lukewarmness,⁵⁰¹ and deadness in the things of God;⁵⁰² estranging ourselves, and apostatizing

⁴⁸³1 Joh 2:15-16: Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1 Sam 2:29: Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people?

Col 2:2,5: That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

⁴⁸⁴1 Joh 4:1: Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

⁴⁸⁵Heb 3:12: Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

⁴⁸⁶Gal 5:20: Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
Tit 3:10: A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

⁴⁸⁷Act 26:9: I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

⁴⁸⁸Psa 78:22: Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

⁴⁸⁹Gen 4:13: And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

⁴⁹⁰Jer 5:3: O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

⁴⁹¹Isa 42:25: Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

⁴⁹²Rom 2:5: But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

⁴⁹³Jer 13:15: Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.

⁴⁹⁴Psa 10:13: Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

⁴⁹⁵Zep 1:12: And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.

⁴⁹⁶Mat 4:7: Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

⁴⁹⁷Rom 3:8: And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

⁴⁹⁸Jer 17:5: Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

⁴⁹⁹2 Tim 3:4: Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

⁵⁰⁰Gal 4:17: They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

Joh 16:2: They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

Rom 10:2: For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Luk 9:54-55: And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

⁵⁰¹Rev 3:16: So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

⁵⁰²Rev 2:1: Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

from God;⁵⁰³ praying, or giving any religious worship, to saints, angels, or any other creatures;⁵⁰⁴ all compacts and consulting with the devil,⁵⁰⁵ and hearkening to his suggestions;⁵⁰⁶ making men the lords of our faith and conscience;⁵⁰⁷ slighting and despising God and his commands;⁵⁰⁸ resisting and grieving of his Spirit,⁵⁰⁹ discontent and impatience at his dispensations, charging him foolishly for the evils he inflicts on us;⁵¹⁰ and ascribing the praise

⁵⁰³Eze 14:5: That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

Isa 1:4-5: Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

⁵⁰⁴Rom 10:13-14: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Hos 4:12: My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

Act 10:25-26: And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

Rev 19:10: And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Mat 4:10: Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Col 2:18: Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Rom 1:25: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

⁵⁰⁵Lev 20:6: And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

1 Sam 28:7,11: Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

1 Chr 10:13-14: So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

⁵⁰⁶Act 5:3: But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

⁵⁰⁷2 Cor 1:24: Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Mat 23:9: And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

⁵⁰⁸Deu 32:15: But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

2 Sam 12:9: Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

Pro 13:13: Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

⁵⁰⁹Act 7:51: Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Eph 4:30: And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

⁵¹⁰Psa 73:2-3,13-15,22: But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.

Job1:22: In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

of any good we either are, have or can do, to fortune,⁵¹¹ idols,⁵¹² ourselves,⁵¹³ or any other creature.⁵¹⁴

Q106 What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?

A These words before me or before my face, in the first commandment, teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh special notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God: that so it may be an argument to dissuade from it, and to aggravate it as a most impudent provocation:⁵¹⁵ as also to persuade us to do as in his sight, whatever we do in his service.⁵¹⁶

Q107 Which is the second commandment?

A The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.⁵¹⁷

Q108 What are the duties required in the second commandment?

A The duties required in the second commandment are, the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath instituted in his Word;⁵¹⁸ particularly prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Christ;⁵¹⁹ the reading, preaching, and hearing of the Word;⁵²⁰ the administration and receiving of the

⁵¹¹1 Sam 6:7-9: Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Bethshemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us: it was a chance that happened to us.

⁵¹²Dan 5:23: But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:

⁵¹³Deu 8:17: And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Dan 4:30: The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

⁵¹⁴Hab 1:16: Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.

⁵¹⁵Eze 8:5-6: Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

Psa 44:20-21: If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

⁵¹⁶Chr 28:9: And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

⁵¹⁷Exo 20:4-6: Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

⁵¹⁸Deu 32:46-47: And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Mat 28:20: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Act 2:42: And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

1 Tim 6:13-14: I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

⁵¹⁹Phi 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Eph 5:20: Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

⁵²⁰Deu 17:18-19: And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to

sacraments;⁵²¹ church government and discipline;⁵²² the ministry and maintainance thereof;⁵²³ religious fasting;⁵²⁴

fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Act 15:21: For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

2 Tim 4:2: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Jam 1:21-22: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Act 10:33: Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

⁵²¹Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1 Cor 11:23-30: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

⁵²²Mat 18:15-17: Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Mat 16:19: And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

1 Cor 5: It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

1 Cor 12:28: And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

⁵²³Eph 4:11-12: And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

1 Tim 5:17-18: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

1 Cor 9:7-15: Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

⁵²⁴Joe 2:12,18: Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

1 Cor 7:5: Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

swearing by the name of God;⁵²⁵ and vowing unto him;⁵²⁶ as also the disapproving, detesting, opposing all false worship;⁵²⁷ and, according to each one's place and calling, removing it, and all monuments of idolatry.⁵²⁸

Q109 What are the sins forbidden in the second commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the second commandment are, all devising,⁵²⁹ counselling,⁵³⁰ commanding,⁵³¹ using,⁵³² and anywise approving, any religious worship not instituted by God himself,⁵³³ tolerating a false religion; the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever;⁵³⁴ all worshipping of it,⁵³⁵ or God in it or by it;⁵³⁶ the making of any representation of feigned deities,⁵³⁷ and all worship of them, or service belonging to them,⁵³⁸ all superstitious

⁵²⁵Deu 6:13: Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

⁵²⁶Psa 76:11: Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.

⁵²⁷Act 17:16-17: Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Psa 16:4: Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

⁵²⁸Deu 7:5: But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.

Isa 30:22: Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

⁵²⁹Num 15:39: And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

⁵³⁰Deu 13:6-8: If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

⁵³¹Hos 5:11: Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

Mic 6:16: For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing; therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

⁵³²1 Kin 11:33: Because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.

1 Kin 12:33: So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

⁵³³Deu 12:30-32: Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

⁵³⁴Deu 4:15-19: Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Act 17:29: Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Rom 1:21-23,25: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

⁵³⁵Dan 3:18: But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Gal 4:8: Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

⁵³⁶Exo 32:5: And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

⁵³⁷Exo 32:8: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

⁵³⁸1 Kin 18:26,28: And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And

devices,⁵³⁹ corrupting the worship of God,⁵⁴⁰ adding to it, or taking from it,⁵⁴¹ whether invented and taken up of ourselves,⁵⁴² or received by tradition from others,⁵⁴³ though under the title of antiquity,⁵⁴⁴ custom,⁵⁴⁵ devotion,⁵⁴⁶ good intent, or any other pretence whatsoever;⁵⁴⁷ simony;⁵⁴⁸ sacrilege;⁵⁴⁹ all neglect,⁵⁵⁰ contempt,⁵⁵¹ hindering,⁵⁵²

they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

Isa 65:11: But ye are they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

⁵³⁹Act 17:22: Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

Col 2:21-23: (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

⁵⁴⁰Mal 1:7-8,14: Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

⁵⁴¹Deu 4:2: Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

⁵⁴²Psa 106:39: Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

⁵⁴³Mat 15:9: But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

⁵⁴⁴1 Pet 1:18: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

⁵⁴⁵Jer 44:17: But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

⁵⁴⁶Isa 65:3-5: A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick; Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

Gal 1:13-14: For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

⁵⁴⁷1 Sam 13:11-12: And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.

1 Sam 15:21: But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

⁵⁴⁸Act 8:18: And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

⁵⁴⁹Rom 2:22: Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

Mal 3:8: Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

⁵⁵⁰Exo 4:24-26: And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me. So he let him go: then she said, A bloody husband thou art, because of the circumcision.

⁵⁵¹Mat 22:5: But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

Mal 1:7,13: Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

⁵⁵²Mat 23:13: But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

and opposing the worship and ordinances which God hath appointed.⁵⁵³.

Q110 What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it?

A The reasons annexed to the second commandment, the more to enforce it, contained in these words, For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments;⁵⁵⁴ are, besides God's sovereignty over us, and propriety in us,⁵⁵⁵ his fervent zeal for his own worship,⁵⁵⁶ and his revengeful indignation against all false worship, as being a spiritual whoredom;⁵⁵⁷ accounting the breakers of this commandment such as hate him, and threatening to punish them unto divers generations;⁵⁵⁸ and esteeming the observers of it such as love him and keep his commandments, and promising mercy to them unto many generations.⁵⁵⁹.

Q111 Which is the third commandment?

A The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.⁵⁶⁰

Q112 What is required in the third commandment?

⁵⁵³Act 13:44-45: And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

1 The 2:15-16: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

⁵⁵⁴Exo 20:5-6: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

⁵⁵⁵Psa 45:11: So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

Rev 15:3-4: And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

⁵⁵⁶Exo 34:13-14: But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:

⁵⁵⁷1 Cor 10:20-22: But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Deu 32:16-20: They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee. And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.

⁵⁵⁸Hos 2:2-4: Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.

⁵⁵⁹Deu 5:29: O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

⁵⁶⁰Exo 20:7: Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

A The third commandment requires, That the name of God, his titles, attributes,⁵⁶¹ ordinances,⁵⁶² the Word,⁵⁶³ sacraments,⁵⁶⁴ prayer,⁵⁶⁵ oaths,⁵⁶⁶ vows,⁵⁶⁷ lots,⁵⁶⁸ his works,⁵⁶⁹ and whatsoever else there is whereby he makes himself known, be holily and reverently used in thought,⁵⁷⁰ meditation,⁵⁷¹ word,⁵⁷² and writing;⁵⁷³ by an holy profession,⁵⁷⁴

⁵⁶¹Mat 11:9: But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

Deu 28:58: If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

Psa 29:2: Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Psa 68:4: Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

Rev 15:3-4: And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

⁵⁶²Mal 1:14: But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

Ecc 5:1: Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

⁵⁶³Psa 138:2: I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

⁵⁶⁴1 Cor 11:24-25,28-29: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

⁵⁶⁵1 Tim 2:8: I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

⁵⁶⁶Jer 4:2: And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

⁵⁶⁷Ecc 5:2,4-6: Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

⁵⁶⁸Act 1:24,26: And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

⁵⁶⁹Job36:24: Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.

⁵⁷⁰Mal 3:16: Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

⁵⁷¹Psa 8:1,3-4,9: O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

⁵⁷²Col 3:17: And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Psa 105:2,5: Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

⁵⁷³Psa 102:18: This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

⁵⁷⁴1 Pet 3:15: But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Mic 4:5: For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

and answerable conversation,⁵⁷⁵ to the glory of God,⁵⁷⁶ and the good of ourselves,⁵⁷⁷ and others.⁵⁷⁸.

Q113 What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the third commandment are, the not using of God's name as is required,⁵⁷⁹ and the abuse of it in an ignorant,⁵⁸⁰ vain,⁵⁸¹ irreverent, profane,⁵⁸² superstitious⁵⁸³ or wicked mentioning or otherwise using his titles,

⁵⁷⁵Phi 1:27: Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

⁵⁷⁶1 Cor 10:31: Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

⁵⁷⁷Jer 32:39: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

⁵⁷⁸1 Pet 2:12: Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

⁵⁷⁹Mal 2:2: If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

⁵⁸⁰Act 17:23: For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

⁵⁸¹Pro 30:9: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

⁵⁸²Mal 1:6-7,12: A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible.

Mal 3:14: Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?

⁵⁸³1 Sam 4:3-5: And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

Jer 7:4,9-10,14,31: Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations? Therefore will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart.

Col 2:20-22: Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

attributes,⁵⁸⁴ ordinances,⁵⁸⁵ or works,⁵⁸⁶ by blasphemy,⁵⁸⁷ perjury;⁵⁸⁸ all sinful cursings,⁵⁸⁹ oaths,⁵⁹⁰ vows,⁵⁹¹ and lots;⁵⁹² violating of our oaths and vows, if lawful;⁵⁹³ and fulfilling them, if of things unlawful;⁵⁹⁴ murmuring and

⁵⁸⁴2 Kin 18:30,35: Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?

Exo 5:2: And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go.

Psa 139:20: For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

⁵⁸⁵Psa 50:16-17: But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and casteth my words behind thee.

⁵⁸⁶Isa 5:12: And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

⁵⁸⁷2 Kin 19:22: Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

Lev 24:11: And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan:)

⁵⁸⁸Zec 5:4: I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

Zec 8:17: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

⁵⁸⁹1 Sam 17:43: And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

2 Sam 16:5: And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.

⁵⁹⁰Jer 5:7: How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

Jer 23:10: For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

⁵⁹¹Deu 23:18: Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Act 23:12,14: And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul.

⁵⁹²Est 3:7: In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

Est 9:24: Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them;

Psa 22:18: They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

⁵⁹³Psa 24:4: He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

Eze 17:16,18-19: As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head.

⁵⁹⁴Mar 6:26: And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

1 Sam 25:22,32-34: So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall. And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: And blessed be thy advice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

quarrelling at,⁵⁹⁵ curious prying into,⁵⁹⁶ and misapplying of God's decrees⁵⁹⁷ and providences;⁵⁹⁸ misinterpreting,⁵⁹⁹ misapplying,⁶⁰⁰ or any way perverting the Word, or any part of it;⁶⁰¹ to profane jests,⁶⁰² curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the maintaining of false doctrines;⁶⁰³ abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained

⁵⁹⁵Rom 9:14,19-20: What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

⁵⁹⁶Deu 29:29: The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

⁵⁹⁷Rom 3:5,7: But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man) For if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?
Rom 6:1: What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

⁵⁹⁸Ecc 8:11: Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

Ecc 9:3: This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

Psa 39: I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue, LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it. Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

⁵⁹⁹Mat 5:21-22: Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

⁶⁰⁰Eze 13:22: Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

⁶⁰¹2 Pet 3:16: As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Mat 22:24-31: Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

Mat 25:28-30: Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁶⁰²Isa 22:13: And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.

Jer 23:34,36,38: And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

⁶⁰³1 Tim 1:4,6-7: Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

1 Tim 6:4-5,20: He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

2 Tim 2:14: Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

Tit 3:9: But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

under the name of God, to charms,⁶⁰⁴ or sinful lusts and practices;⁶⁰⁵ the maligning,⁶⁰⁶ scorning,⁶⁰⁷ reviling,⁶⁰⁸ or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace, and ways;⁶⁰⁹ making profession of religion in hypocrisy, or for sinister

⁶⁰⁴Deu 18:10-14: There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

Act 19:13: Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the LORD Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

⁶⁰⁵2 Tim 4:3-4: For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Rom 13:13-14: Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 Kin 21:9-10: And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

Jud 4: For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁶⁰⁶Act 13:45: But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

1 Joh 3:12: Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

⁶⁰⁷Psa 1:1: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 Pet 3:3: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁶⁰⁸1 Pet 4:4: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

⁶⁰⁹Act 13:45-46,50: But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

Act 4:18: And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

Act 19:9: But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

1 The 2:16: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

Heb 10:29: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

ends;⁶¹⁰ being ashamed of it,⁶¹¹ or a shame to it, by unconformable,⁶¹² unwise,⁶¹³ unfruitful,⁶¹⁴ and offensive walking,⁶¹⁵ or backsliding from it.⁶¹⁶

Q114 What reasons are annexed to the third commandment?

A The reasons annexed to the third commandment, in these words, The Lord thy God, and, For the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain,⁶¹⁷ are, because he is the Lord and our God, therefore his name is not to be profaned, or any way abused by us;⁶¹⁸ especially because he will be so far from acquitting and sparing the transgressors of this commandment, as that he will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment;⁶¹⁹ albeit many such escape the censures and punishments of men.⁶²⁰

Q115 Which is the fourth commandment?

⁶¹⁰2 Tim 3:5: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Mat 23:14: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Mat 6:1-2,5,16: Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

⁶¹¹Mar 8:38: Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

⁶¹²Psa 73:14-15: For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

⁶¹³1 Cor 6:5-6: I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

Eph 5:15-17: See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

⁶¹⁴Isa 5:4: What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

2 Pet 1:8-9: For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

⁶¹⁵Rom 2:23-24: Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

⁶¹⁶Gal 3:1,3: O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Heb 6:6: If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

⁶¹⁷Exo 20:7: Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

⁶¹⁸Lev 19:12: And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

⁶¹⁹Eze 36:21-23: But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Deu 28:58-59: If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

Zec 5:2-4: And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it. I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

⁶²⁰1 Sam 2:12,17,22,24: Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD. Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

1 Sam 3:13: For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

A The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested in the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day and hallowed it.⁶²¹

Q116 What is required in the fourth commandment?

A The fourth commandment requireth of all men the sanctifying or keeping holy to God such set times as he hath appointed in his Word, expressly one whole day in seven; which was the seventh from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, and the first day of the week ever since, and so to continue to the end of the world; which is the Christian sabbath,⁶²² and in the New Testament called The Lord's day.⁶²³

Q117 How is the sabbath or the Lord's day to be sanctified?

A The sabbath or Lord's day is to be sanctified by an holy resting all the day,⁶²⁴ not only from such works as are at all times sinful, but even from such worldly employments and recreations as are on other days lawful;⁶²⁵ and making it our delight to spend the whole time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy⁶²⁶)

⁶²¹Exo 20:8-11: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

⁶²²Deu 5:12-14: Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

Gen 2:2-3: And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

1 Cor 16:1-2: Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Mat 5:17-18: Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Isa 56:2,4,6-7: Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant; Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

⁶²³Rev 1:10: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

⁶²⁴Exo 20:8,10: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

⁶²⁵Exo 16:25-28: And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

Neh 13:15-22: In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Jer 17:21-22: Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

⁶²⁶Mat 12:1-13: At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto

in the public and private exercises of God's worship:⁶²⁷ and, to that end, we are to prepare our hearts, and with such foresight, diligence, and moderation, to dispose and seasonably dispatch our worldly business, that we may be the more free and fit for the duties of that day.⁶²⁸

Q118 Why is the charge of keeping the sabbath more specially directed to governors of families, and other superiors?

A The charge of keeping the sabbath is more specially directed to governors of families, and other superiors, because they are bound not only to keep it themselves, but to see that it be observed by all those that are under their charge; and because they are prone oftentimes to hinder them by employments of their own.⁶²⁹

Q119 What are the sins forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the fourth commandment are, all omissions of the duties required,⁶³⁰ all careless, negligent, and

you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

⁶²⁷Isa 58:13: If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Luk 4:16: And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Act 20:7: And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

1 Cor 16:1-2: Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

Psa 92: IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, AND TO SING PRAISES UNTO THY NAME, O MOST HIGH: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever: But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore. For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Isa 66:23: And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Lev 23:3: Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

⁶²⁸Exo 20:8: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Luk 23:54,56: And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Exo 16:22,25-26,29: And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day.

Neh 13:19: And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

⁶²⁹Exo 20:10: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Jos 24:15: And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Neh 13:15,17: In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?

Jer 17:20-22: And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

Exo 23:12: Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.

⁶³⁰Eze 22:26: Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane,

unprofitable performing of them, and being weary of them;⁶³¹ all profaning the day by idleness, and doing that which is in itself sinful;⁶³² and by all needless works, words, and thoughts, about our worldly employments and recreations.⁶³³

Q120 What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, the more to enforce it?

A The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment, the more to enforce it, are taken from the equity of it, God allowing us six days of seven for our own affairs, and reserving but one for himself in these words, Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:⁶³⁴ from God's challenging a special propriety in that day, The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God:⁶³⁵ from the example of God, who in six days made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: and from that blessing which God put upon that day, not only in sanctifying it to be a day for his service, but in ordaining it to be a means of blessing to us in our sanctifying it; Wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.⁶³⁶

Q121 Why is the word Remember set in the beginning of the fourth commandment?

A The word Remember is set in the beginning of the fourth commandment,⁶³⁷ partly, because of the great benefit of remembering it, we being thereby helped in our preparation to keep it,⁶³⁸ and, in keeping it, better to keep all the rest of the commandments,⁶³⁹ and to continue a thankful remembrance of the two great benefits of creation and

neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

⁶³¹Act 20:7,9: And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

Eze 33:30-32: Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

Amo 8:5: Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Mal 1:13: Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

⁶³²Eze 23:38: Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.

⁶³³Jer 17:24,27: And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Isa 58:13: If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

⁶³⁴Exo 20:9: Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

⁶³⁵Exo 20:10: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

⁶³⁶Exo 20:11: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

⁶³⁷Exo 20:8: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁶³⁸Exo 16:23: And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

Luk 23:54,56: And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

Mar 15:42: And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

Neh 13:19: And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day.

⁶³⁹Psa 92: IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, AND TO SING PRAISES UNTO THY NAME, O MOST HIGH: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever: But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore. For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies,

redemption, which contain a short abridgment of religion;⁶⁴⁰ and partly, because we are very ready to forget it,⁶⁴¹ for that there is less light of nature for it,⁶⁴² and yet it restraineth our natural liberty in things at other times lawful;⁶⁴³ that it cometh but once in seven days, and many worldly businesses come between, and too often take off our minds from thinking of it, either to prepare for it, or to sanctify it;⁶⁴⁴ and that Satan with his instruments labours much to blot out the glory, and even the memory of it, to bring in all irreligion and impiety.⁶⁴⁵

Q122 What is the sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man?

A The sum of the six commandments which contain our duty to man, is, to love our neighbour as ourselves,⁶⁴⁶ and to do to others what we would have them to do to us.⁶⁴⁷

Q123 Which is the fifth commandment?

A The fifth commandment is, Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.⁶⁴⁸

and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Eze 20:12,19-20: Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

⁶⁴⁰Gen 2:2-3: And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Psa 118:22,24: The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Act 4:10-11: Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Rev 1:10: I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

⁶⁴¹Eze 22:26: Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

⁶⁴²Neh 9:14: And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

⁶⁴³Exo 34:21: Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

⁶⁴⁴Deu 5:14-15: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Amo 8:5: Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

⁶⁴⁵Lam 1:7: Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her pleasant things that she had in the days of old, when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her: the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.

Jer 17:21-23: Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

Neh 13:15-22: In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

⁶⁴⁶Mat 22:39: And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

⁶⁴⁷Mat 7:12: Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

⁶⁴⁸Exo 20:12: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Q124 Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

A By father and mother, in the fifth commandment, are meant, not only natural parents,⁶⁴⁹ but all superiors in age⁶⁵⁰ and gifts;⁶⁵¹ and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family,⁶⁵² church,⁶⁵³ or commonwealth.⁶⁵⁴

Q125 Why are superiors styled father and mother?

A Superiors are styled father and mother, both to teach them in all duties toward their inferiors, like natural parents, to express love and tenderness to them, according to their several relations;⁶⁵⁵ and to work inferiors to a greater willingness and cheerfulness in performing their duties to their superiors, as to their parents.⁶⁵⁶

Q126 What is the general scope of the fifth commandment?

A The general scope of the fifth commandment is, the performance of those duties which we mutually owe in our several relations, as inferiors, superiors, or equals.⁶⁵⁷

Q127 What is the honour that inferiors owe to their superiors?

⁶⁴⁹Pro 23:22,25: Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old. Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

Eph 6:1-2: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

⁶⁵⁰1 Tim 5:1-2: Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

⁶⁵¹Gen 4:20-22: And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

Gen 45:8: So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

⁶⁵²2 Kin 5:13: And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

⁶⁵³2 Kin 2:12: And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

2 Kin 13:14: Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

Gal 4:19: My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

⁶⁵⁴Isa 49:23: And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

⁶⁵⁵Eph 6:4: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

2 Cor 12:14: Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not your's but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

1 The 2:7-8,11: But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

Num 11:11-12: And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

⁶⁵⁶1 Cor 4:14-16: I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.

2 Kin 5:13: And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

⁶⁵⁷Eph 5:21: Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

1 Pet 2:17: Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Rom 12:10: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

A The honour which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart,⁶⁵⁸ word,⁶⁵⁹ and behaviour;⁶⁶⁰ prayer and thanksgiving for them;⁶⁶¹ imitation of their virtues and graces;⁶⁶² willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels;⁶⁶³ due submission to their corrections;⁶⁶⁴ fidelity to,⁶⁶⁵ defence,⁶⁶⁶ and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places;⁶⁶⁷ bearing with their infirmities, and

⁶⁵⁸Mal 1:6: A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Lev 19:3: Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

⁶⁵⁹Pro 31:28: Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

1 Pet 3:6: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

⁶⁶⁰Lev 19:32: Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

1 Kin 2:19: Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

⁶⁶¹1 Tim 2:1-2: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

⁶⁶²Heb 13:7: Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Phi 3:17: Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

⁶⁶³Eph 6:1-2,6-7: Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

1 Pet 2:13-14: Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Rom 13:1-5: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

Heb 13:17: Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Pro 4:3-4: For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Pro 23:22: Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Exo 18:19,24: Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.

⁶⁶⁴Heb 12:9: Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

1 Pet 2:18-20: Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

⁶⁶⁵Tit 2:9-10: Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again; Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

⁶⁶⁶1 Sam 26:15-16: And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

2 Sam 18:3: But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city.

Est 6:2: And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

⁶⁶⁷Mat 22:21: They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

Rom 13:6-7: For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

1 Tim 5:17-18: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For

covering them in love,⁶⁶⁸ that so they may be an honour to them and to their government.⁶⁶⁹

Q128 What are the sins of inferiors against their superiors?

A The sins of inferiors against their superiors are, all neglect of the duties required toward them;⁶⁷⁰ envying at,⁶⁷¹ contempt of,⁶⁷² and rebellion⁶⁷³ against, their persons⁶⁷⁴ and places,⁶⁷⁵ in their lawful counsels,⁶⁷⁶ commands, and corrections;⁶⁷⁷ cursing, mocking⁶⁷⁸ and all such refractory and scandalous carriage, as proves a shame and dishonour

the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

Gal 6:6: Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

Gen 45:11: And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

Gen 47:12: And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

⁶⁶⁸1 Pet 2:18: Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

Pro 23:22: Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

Gen 9:23: And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

⁶⁶⁹Psa 127:3-5: Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Pro 31:23: Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

⁶⁷⁰Mat 15:4-6: For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

⁶⁷¹Num 11:28-29: And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

⁶⁷²1 Sam 8:7: And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

Isa 3:5: And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

⁶⁷³2 Sam 15:1-12: And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

⁶⁷⁴Exo 24:15: And Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the mount.

⁶⁷⁵1 Sam 10:27: But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought no presents. But he held his peace.

⁶⁷⁶1 Sam 2:25: If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

⁶⁷⁷Deu 21:18-21: If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

⁶⁷⁸Pro 30:11,17: There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

to them and their government.⁶⁷⁹

Q129 What is required of superiors towards their inferiors?

A It is required of superiors, according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love,⁶⁸⁰ pray for,⁶⁸¹ and bless their inferiors;⁶⁸² to instruct,⁶⁸³ counsel, and admonish them;⁶⁸⁴ countenancing,⁶⁸⁵ commending,⁶⁸⁶ and rewarding such as do well,⁶⁸⁷ and discountenancing,⁶⁸⁸ reprovng, and chastising such as do ill;⁶⁸⁹ protecting,⁶⁹⁰ and providing for them all things necessary for soul⁶⁹¹ and body:⁶⁹² and by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God,⁶⁹³ honour to themselves,⁶⁹⁴ and so to preserve that authority

⁶⁷⁹Pro 19:26: He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother, is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.

⁶⁸⁰Col 3:19: Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Tit 2:4: That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

⁶⁸¹1 Sam 12:23: Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

Job1:5: And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

⁶⁸²1 Kin 8:55-56: And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

Heb 7:7: And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

Gen 49:28: All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

⁶⁸³Deu 6:6-7: And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

⁶⁸⁴Eph 6:4: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

⁶⁸⁵1 Pet 3:7: Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

⁶⁸⁶1 Pet 2:14: Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Rom 13:3: For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

⁶⁸⁷Est 6:3: And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him.

⁶⁸⁸Rom 13:3-4: For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

⁶⁸⁹Pro 29:15: The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

1 Pet 2:14: Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

⁶⁹⁰Job29:13-16: The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

Isa 1:10,17: Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

⁶⁹¹Eph 6:4: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

⁶⁹²1 Tim 5:8: But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

⁶⁹³1 Tim 4:12: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Tit 2:3-5: The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

⁶⁹⁴1 Kin 3:28: And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

which God hath put upon them.⁶⁹⁵

Q130 What are the sins of superiors?

A The sins of superiors are, besides the neglect of the duties required of them,⁶⁹⁶ and inordinate seeking of themselves,⁶⁹⁷ their own glory,⁶⁹⁸ ease, profit, or pleasure;⁶⁹⁹ commanding things unlawful,⁷⁰⁰ or not in the power of inferiors to perform;⁷⁰¹ counseling,⁷⁰² encouraging,⁷⁰³ or favouring them in that which is evil;⁷⁰⁴ dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good;⁷⁰⁵ correcting them unduly;⁷⁰⁶ careless exposing, or leaving them to

⁶⁹⁵Tit 2:15: These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

⁶⁹⁶Eze 34:2-4: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

⁶⁹⁷Phi 2:21: For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

⁶⁹⁸Joh 5:44: How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

Joh 7:18: He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

⁶⁹⁹Isa 56:10-11: His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

Deu 17:17: Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

⁷⁰⁰Dan 3:4-6: Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

Act 4:17-18: But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

⁷⁰¹Exo 5:10-18: And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. Go ye, get you straw where ye can find it: yet not ought of your work shall be diminished. So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. And the taskmasters hastened them, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw. And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and to day, as heretofore? Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants? There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD. Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks.

Mat 23:2,4: Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

⁷⁰²Mat 14:8: And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

Mar 6:24: And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

⁷⁰³2 Sam 13:28: Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

⁷⁰⁴1 Sam 3:13: For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

⁷⁰⁵Joh 7:46-49: The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

Col 3:21: Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

Exo 5:17: But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD.

⁷⁰⁶1 Pet 2:18-20: Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

Heb 12:10: For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Deu 25:3: Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

wrong, temptation, and danger;⁷⁰⁷ provoking them to wrath;⁷⁰⁸ or any way dishonouring themselves, or lessening their authority, by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behaviour.⁷⁰⁹

Q131 What are the duties of equals?

A The duties of equals are, to regard the dignity and worth of each other,⁷¹⁰ in giving honour to go one before another;⁷¹¹ and to rejoice in each others' gifts and advancement, as their own.⁷¹²

Q132 What are the sins of equals?

A The sins of equals are, besides the neglect of the duties required,⁷¹³ the undervaluing of the worth,⁷¹⁴ envying the gifts,⁷¹⁵ grieving at the advancement of prosperity one of another;⁷¹⁶ and usurping pre-eminence one over another.⁷¹⁷

Q133 What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment, the more to enforce it?

A The reason annexed to the fifth commandment, in these words, That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee,⁷¹⁸ is an express promise of long life and prosperity, as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good, to all such as keep this commandment.⁷¹⁹

⁷⁰⁷Gen 38:11,26: Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

Act 18:17: Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

⁷⁰⁸Eph 6:4: And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

⁷⁰⁹Gen 9:21: And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.

1 Kin 12:13-16: And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

1 Kin 1:6: And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

1 Sam 2:29-31: Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

⁷¹⁰1 Pet 2:17: Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

⁷¹¹Rom 12:10: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

⁷¹²Rom 12:15-16: Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Phi 2:3-4: Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

⁷¹³Rom 13:8: Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

⁷¹⁴2 Tim 3:3: Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁷¹⁵Act 7:9: And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

Gal 5:26: Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

⁷¹⁶Num 12:2: And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

Est 6:12-13: And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered. And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

⁷¹⁷3 Joh 9: I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

Luk 22:24: And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

⁷¹⁸Exo 20:12: Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

⁷¹⁹Deu 5:16: Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

1 Kin 8:25: Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before me as thou hast

Q134 Which is the sixth commandment?

A The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.⁷²⁰

Q135 What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?

A The duties required in the sixth commandment are all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves⁷²¹ and others⁷²² by resisting all thoughts and purposes,⁷²³ subduing all passions,⁷²⁴ and avoiding all occasions,⁷²⁵ temptations,⁷²⁶ and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any;⁷²⁷ by just defence

walked before me.

Eph 6:2-3: Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

⁷²⁰Exo 20:13: Thou shalt not kill.

⁷²¹Eph 5:28-29: So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

⁷²²1 Kin 18:4: For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

⁷²³Jer 26:15-16: But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears. Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.

Act 23:12,16-17,21,27: And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him. But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee. This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman.

⁷²⁴Eph 4:26-27: Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.

⁷²⁵2 Sam 2:22: And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?

Deu 22:8: When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence.

⁷²⁶Mat 4:6-7: And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Pro 1:10-11,15-16: My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

⁷²⁷1 Sam 24:12: The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

1 Sam 26:9-11: And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless? David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

Gen 37:21-22: And Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands; and said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

thereof against violence,⁷²⁸ patient bearing of the hand of God,⁷²⁹ quietness of mind,⁷³⁰ cheerfulness of spirit;⁷³¹ a sober use of meat,⁷³² drink,⁷³³ physic,⁷³⁴ sleep,⁷³⁵ labour,⁷³⁶ and recreations;⁷³⁷ by charitable thoughts,⁷³⁸ love,⁷³⁹

⁷²⁸Psa 82:4: Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

Pro 24:11-12: If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

1 Sam 14:45: And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

⁷²⁹Jam 5:7-11: Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Heb 12:9: Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

⁷³⁰1 The 4:11: And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

1 Pet 3:3-4: Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Psa 37:8-11: Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

⁷³¹Pro 17:22: A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

⁷³²Pro 25:16,27: Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it. It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory.

⁷³³1 Tim 5:23: Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

⁷³⁴Isa 38:21: For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

⁷³⁵Psa 127:2: It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

⁷³⁶Ecc 5:12: The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

2 The 3:10,12: For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Pro 16:20: He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.

⁷³⁷Ecc 3:4,11: A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

⁷³⁸1 Sam 19:4-5: And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

1 Sam 22:13-14: And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

⁷³⁹Rom 13:10: Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

compassion,⁷⁴⁰ meekness, gentleness, kindness;⁷⁴¹ peaceable,⁷⁴² mild and courteous speeches and behaviour;⁷⁴³ forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil;⁷⁴⁴ comforting and succouring the distressed and protecting and defending the innocent.⁷⁴⁵

Q136 What are the sins forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves,⁷⁴⁶ or of others,⁷⁴⁷ except in case of public justice,⁷⁴⁸ lawful war,⁷⁴⁹ or necessary defence;⁷⁵⁰ the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and

⁷⁴⁰Luk 10:33-34: But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

⁷⁴¹Col 3:12-13: Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

⁷⁴²Jam 3:17: But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

⁷⁴³1 Pet 3:8-11: Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

Pro 15:1: A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Jud 8:1-3: Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

⁷⁴⁴Mat 5:24: Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Eph 5:2,32: And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Rom 12:17: Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

⁷⁴⁵1 The 5:14: Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

Job31:19-20: If I have seen any perish for want of clothing, or any poor without covering; If his loins have not blessed me, and if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;

Mat 25:35-36: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Pro 31:8-9: Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

⁷⁴⁶Act 16:28: But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

⁷⁴⁷Gen 9:6: Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

⁷⁴⁸Num 35:31,33: Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

⁷⁴⁹Jer 48:10: Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

Deu 20:1: When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

⁷⁵⁰Exo 22:2-3: If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him. If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

necessary means of preservation of life;⁷⁵¹ sinful anger,⁷⁵² hatred,⁷⁵³ envy,⁷⁵⁴ desire of revenge;⁷⁵⁵ all excessive passions,⁷⁵⁶ distracting cares;⁷⁵⁷ immoderate use of meat, drink,⁷⁵⁸ labor,⁷⁵⁹ and recreations;⁷⁶⁰ provoking words,⁷⁶¹ oppression,⁷⁶² quarreling,⁷⁶³ striking, wounding,⁷⁶⁴ and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.⁷⁶⁵

Q137 Which is the seventh commandment?

⁷⁵¹Mat 25:42-43: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Jam 2:15-16: If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Ecc 6:1-2: There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

⁷⁵²Mat 5:22: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

⁷⁵³1 Joh 3:15: Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Lev 19:17: Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

⁷⁵⁴Pro 14:30: A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

⁷⁵⁵Rom 12:19: Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

⁷⁵⁶Eph 4:31: Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

⁷⁵⁷Mat 6:31,34: Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

⁷⁵⁸Luk 21:34: And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Rom 13:13: Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

⁷⁵⁹Ecc 12:12: And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Ecc 2:22-23: For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun? For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

⁷⁶⁰Isa 5:12: And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.

⁷⁶¹Pro 15:1: A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Pro 12:18: There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

⁷⁶²Eze 18:18: As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

Exo 1:14: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigour.

⁷⁶³Gal 5:15: But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

Pro 23:29: Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

⁷⁶⁴Num 35:16-18,21: And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. Or if he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him.

⁷⁶⁵Exo 21:18-36: And if men strive together, and one smite another with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed: If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed. And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall be surely punished. Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money. If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid,

A The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.⁷⁶⁶

Q138 What are the duties required in the seventh commandment?

A The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections,⁷⁶⁷ words,⁷⁶⁸ and behavior;⁷⁶⁹ and the preservation of it in ourselves and others;⁷⁷⁰ watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses;⁷⁷¹ temperance,⁷⁷² keeping of chaste company,⁷⁷³ modesty in apparel;⁷⁷⁴ marriage by those that have not the gift of continency,⁷⁷⁵ conjugal love,⁷⁷⁶ and cohabitation;⁷⁷⁷ diligent labor in our callings;⁷⁷⁸ shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.⁷⁷⁹

Q139 What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment?

that it perish; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake. If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit. But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death. If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein; The owner of the pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead beast shall be his. And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead ox also they shall divide. Or if it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

⁷⁶⁶Exo 20:14: Thou shalt not commit adultery.

⁷⁶⁷1 The 4:4: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Job31:1: I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

1 Cor 7:34: There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

⁷⁶⁸Col 4:6: Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

⁷⁶⁹1 Pet 2:3: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

⁷⁷⁰1 Cor 7:2,35-36: Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.

⁷⁷¹Job31:1: I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

⁷⁷²Act 24:24-25: And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

⁷⁷³Pro 2:16-20: To deliver thee from the strange woman, even from the stranger which flattereth with her words; Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life. That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.

⁷⁷⁴1 Tim 2:9: In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

⁷⁷⁵1 Cor 7:2,9: Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

⁷⁷⁶Pro 5:19-20: Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

⁷⁷⁷1 Pet 3:7: Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

⁷⁷⁸Pro 31:11,27-28: The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

⁷⁷⁹Pro 5:8: Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

Gen 39:8-10: But he refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.

A The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required,⁷⁸⁰ are, adultery, fornication,⁷⁸¹ rape, incest,⁷⁸² sodomy, and all unnatural lusts;⁷⁸³ all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections;⁷⁸⁴ all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto;⁷⁸⁵ wanton looks,⁷⁸⁶ impudent or light behaviour, immodest apparel;⁷⁸⁷ prohibiting of lawful,⁷⁸⁸ and dispensing with unlawful marriages;⁷⁸⁹ allowing, tol-

⁷⁸⁰Pro 5:7: Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth.

⁷⁸¹Heb 13:4: Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Gal 5:19: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

⁷⁸²2 Sam 13:14: Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

1 Cor 5:1: It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

⁷⁸³Rom 1:24,26-27: Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

Lev 20:15-16: And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

⁷⁸⁴Mat 5:28: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Mat 15:19: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Col 3:5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

⁷⁸⁵Eph 5:3-4: But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Pro 7:5,21-22: That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the stranger which flattereth with her words. With her much fair speech she caused him to yield, with the flattering of her lips she forced him. He goeth after her straightway, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks;

⁷⁸⁶Isa 3:16: Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

2 Pet 2:14: Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:

⁷⁸⁷Pro 7:10,13: And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

⁷⁸⁸1 Tim 4:3: Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

⁷⁸⁹Lev 18:1-21: And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD. None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness. Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

Mar 6:18: For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

Mal 2:11-12: Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

erating, keeping of stews, and resorting to them;⁷⁹⁰ entangling vows of single life,⁷⁹¹ undue delay of marriage,⁷⁹² having more wives or husbands than one at the same time;⁷⁹³ unjust divorce,⁷⁹⁴ or desertion;⁷⁹⁵ idleness, gluttony, drunkenness,⁷⁹⁶ unchaste company;⁷⁹⁷ lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays;⁷⁹⁸ and all other

⁷⁹⁰1 Kin 15:12: And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

2 Kin 23:7: And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

Deu 23:17-18: There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Lev 19:29: Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.

Jer 5:7: How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.

Pro 7:24-27: Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths. For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her. Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death.

⁷⁹¹Mat 19:10-11: His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.

⁷⁹²1 Cor 7:7-9: For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

Gen 38:26: And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more.

⁷⁹³Mal 2:14-15: Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Mat 19:5: And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

⁷⁹⁴Mal 2:16: For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Mat 5:32: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

⁷⁹⁵1 Cor 7:12-13: But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

⁷⁹⁶Eze 16:49: Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Pro 23:30-33: They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

⁷⁹⁷Gen 39:19: And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled.

Pro 5:8: Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house:

⁷⁹⁸Eph 5:4: Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Eze 23:14-16: And that she increased her whoredoms: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity: And as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

Isa 23:15-17: And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

Isa 3:16: Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

Mar 6:22: And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

Rom 13:13: Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

1 Pet 4:3: For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess

provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others.⁷⁹⁹

Q140 Which is the eighth commandment?

A The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.⁸⁰⁰

Q141 What are the duties required in the eighth commandment?

A The duties required in the eighth commandment are, truth, faithfulness, and justice in contracts and commerce between man and man;⁸⁰¹ rendering to everyone his due; restitution of goods unlawfully detained from the right owners thereof;⁸⁰² giving and lending freely, according to our abilities, and the necessities of others;⁸⁰³ moderation of our judgments, wills, and affections concerning worldly goods;⁸⁰⁴ a provident care and study to get,⁸⁰⁵ keep, use, and dispose these things which are necessary and convenient for the sustentation of our nature, and suitable to

of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

⁷⁹⁹2 Kin 9:30: And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

Jer 4:30: And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

Eze 23:40: And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,

⁸⁰⁰Exo 20:15: Thou shalt not steal.

⁸⁰¹Psa 15:2,4: He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

Zec 7:4,10: Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying, And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Zec 8:16-17: These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

⁸⁰²Lev 6:2-5: If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.

Luk 19:8: And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

⁸⁰³Luk 6:30,38: Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

1 Joh 3:17: But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

Eph 4:28: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Gal 6:10: As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

⁸⁰⁴1 Tim 6:6-9: But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Gal 6:14: But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

⁸⁰⁵1 Tim 5:8: But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

our condition;⁸⁰⁶ a lawful calling,⁸⁰⁷ and diligence in it;⁸⁰⁸ frugality;⁸⁰⁹ avoiding unnecessary lawsuits,⁸¹⁰ and suretiship, or other like engagements;⁸¹¹ and an endeavor, by all just and lawful means, to procure, preserve, and further the wealth and outward estate of others, as well as our own.⁸¹²

Q142 What are the sins forbidden in the eighth commandment?

⁸⁰⁶Pro 27:23-27: Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds. For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation? The hay appeareth, and the tender grass sheweth itself, and herbs of the mountains are gathered. The lambs are for thy clothing, and the goats are the price of the field. And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household, and for the maintenance for thy maidens.

Ecc 2:24: There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

Ecc 3:12-13: I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

1 Tim 6:17-18: Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Isa 38:1: In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

Mat 11:8: But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

⁸⁰⁷1 Cor 7:20: Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

Gen 2:15: And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Gen 3:19: In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

⁸⁰⁸Eph 4:28: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Pro 10:4: He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

⁸⁰⁹Joh 6:12: When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

Pro 21:20: There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

⁸¹⁰1 Cor 6:1-9: Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

⁸¹¹Pro 6:1-6: My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger, Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth. Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend. Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids. Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:

Pro 11:15: He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it: and he that hateth suretiship is sure.

⁸¹²Lev 25:35: And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with thee.

Deu 22:1-4: Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother. And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself. Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

Exo 23:4-5: If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.

Gen 47:14,20: And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's.

Phi 2:4: Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Mat 22:39: And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

A The sins forbidden in the eighth commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required,⁸¹³ are, theft,⁸¹⁴ robbery,⁸¹⁵ man-stealing,⁸¹⁶ and receiving any thing that is stolen;⁸¹⁷ fraudulent dealing,⁸¹⁸ false weights and measures,⁸¹⁹ removing landmarks,⁸²⁰ injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts between man and man,⁸²¹ or in matters of trust;⁸²² oppression,⁸²³ extortion,⁸²⁴ usury,⁸²⁵ bribery,⁸²⁶ vexatious lawsuits,⁸²⁷ unjust inclosures and depopulations;⁸²⁸ in-

⁸¹³Jam 2:15-16: If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

1 Joh 3:17: But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

⁸¹⁴Eph 4:28: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

⁸¹⁵Psa 62:10: Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

⁸¹⁶1 Tim 1:10: For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

⁸¹⁷Pro 29:24: Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

Psa 50:18: When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

⁸¹⁸1 The 4:6: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

⁸¹⁹Pro 11:1: A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

Pro 20:10: Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

⁸²⁰Deu 19:14: Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

Pro 23:10: Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

⁸²¹Amo 8:5: Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Psa 37:21: The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.

⁸²²Luk 16:10-12: He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

⁸²³Eze 22:29: The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

Lev 25:17: Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

⁸²⁴Mat 23:25: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Eze 22:12: In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

⁸²⁵Psa 15:5: He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

⁸²⁶Job15:34: For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery.

⁸²⁷1 Cor 6:6-8: But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

Pro 3:29-30: Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

⁸²⁸Isa 5:8: Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

Mic 2:2: And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

grossing commodities to enhance the price;⁸²⁹ unlawful callings,⁸³⁰ and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbour what belongs to him, or of enriching ourselves;⁸³¹ covetousness;⁸³² inordinate prizing and affecting worldly goods;⁸³³ distrustful and distracting cares and studies in getting, keeping, and using them;⁸³⁴ envying at the prosperity of others;⁸³⁵ as likewise idleness,⁸³⁶ prodigality, wasteful gaming; and all other ways whereby we do unduly prejudice our own outward estate,⁸³⁷ and defrauding ourselves of the due use and comfort of that estate which God hath given us.⁸³⁸

Q143 Which is the ninth commandment?

A The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.⁸³⁹

Q144 What are the duties required in the ninth commandment?

A The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man,⁸⁴⁰ and the good name of our neighbour, as well as our own;⁸⁴¹ appearing and standing for the truth;⁸⁴² and from the

⁸²⁹Pro 11:26: He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

⁸³⁰Act 19:19,24-25: Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

⁸³¹Job20:19: Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor; because he hath violently taken away an house which he builded not; Jam 5:4: Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

Pro 21:6: The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.

⁸³²Luk 12:15: And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

⁸³³1 Tim 6:5: Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

Col 3:2: Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Pro 23:5: Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

Psa 62:10: Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

⁸³⁴Mat 6:25,31,34: Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Ecc 5:12: The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

⁸³⁵Psa 73:3: For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psa 37:1,7: Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

⁸³⁶2 The 3:11: For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

Pro 18:9: He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

⁸³⁷Pro 21:17: He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

Pro 23:20-21: Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Pro 28:19: He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

⁸³⁸Ecc 4:8: There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.

Ecc 6:2: A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

1 Tim 5:8: But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

⁸³⁹Exo 20:16: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

⁸⁴⁰Zec 8:16: These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:

⁸⁴¹3 Joh 12: Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

⁸⁴²Pro 31:8-9: Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

heart,⁸⁴³ sincerely,⁸⁴⁴ freely,⁸⁴⁵ clearly,⁸⁴⁶ and fully,⁸⁴⁷ speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice,⁸⁴⁸ and in all other things whatsoever;⁸⁴⁹ a charitable esteem of our neighbours;⁸⁵⁰ loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name;⁸⁵¹ sorrowing for,⁸⁵² and covering of their infirmities;⁸⁵³ freely acknowledging of their gifts and graces,⁸⁵⁴ defending their innocency;⁸⁵⁵ a ready receiving of a good report,⁸⁵⁶ and unwillingness to admit of an evil report,⁸⁵⁷ concerning them; discouraging tale-bearers,⁸⁵⁸ flatterers,⁸⁵⁹ and slanderers;⁸⁶⁰ love and care of

⁸⁴³Psa 15:2: He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

⁸⁴⁴Chr 19:9: And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

⁸⁴⁵1 Sam 19:4-5: And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

⁸⁴⁶Jos 7:19: And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

⁸⁴⁷2 Sam 14:18-20: Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. And the king said, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

⁸⁴⁸Lev 19:15: Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

⁸⁴⁹2 Cor 1:17-18: When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay? But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

Eph 4:25: Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

⁸⁵⁰Heb 6:9: But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

1 Cor 13:7: Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

⁸⁵¹Rom 1:8: First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

2 Joh 4: I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

3 Joh 3-4: For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

⁸⁵²2 Cor 2:4: For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

2 Cor 12:21: And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

⁸⁵³Pro 17:9: He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

1 Pet 4:8: And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

⁸⁵⁴1 Cor 1:4-5,7: I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Tim 1:4-5: Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

⁸⁵⁵1 Sam 22:14: Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

⁸⁵⁶1 Cor 13:6-7: Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

⁸⁵⁷Psa 15:3: He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

⁸⁵⁸Pro 25:23: The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

⁸⁵⁹Pro 26:24-25: He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart.

⁸⁶⁰Psa 101:5: Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

our own good name, and defending it when need requireth;⁸⁶¹ keeping of lawful promises;⁸⁶² studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.⁸⁶³

Q145 What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are, all prejudicing the truth, and the good name of our neighbours, as well as our own,⁸⁶⁴ especially in public judicature;⁸⁶⁵ giving false evidence,⁸⁶⁶ suborning false witnesses,⁸⁶⁷ wittingly appearing and pleading for an evil cause, outfacing and overbearing the truth,⁸⁶⁸ passing unjust sentence,⁸⁶⁹ calling evil good, and good evil; rewarding the wicked according to the work of the righteous, and the righteous according

⁸⁶¹Pro 22:1: A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
Joh 8:49: Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

⁸⁶²Psa 15:4: In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

⁸⁶³Phi 4:8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

⁸⁶⁴1 Sam 17:28: And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

2 Sam 16:3: And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father.

2 Sam 1:9-10,15-16: He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord. And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

⁸⁶⁵Lev 19:15: Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

Hab 1:4: Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

⁸⁶⁶Pro 19:5: A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.

Pro 6:16,19: These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

⁸⁶⁷Act 6:13: And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

⁸⁶⁸Jer 9:3,5: And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD. And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Act 24:2,5: And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence, For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

Psa 12:3-4: The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

Psa 52:1-4: Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually. The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

⁸⁶⁹Pro 17:15: He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

1 Kin 21:9-14: And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

to the work of the wicked;⁸⁷⁰ forgery,⁸⁷¹ concealing the truth, undue silence in a just cause,⁸⁷² and holding our peace when iniquity calleth for either a reproof from ourselves,⁸⁷³ or complaint to others;⁸⁷⁴ speaking the truth unseasonably,⁸⁷⁵ or maliciously to a wrong end,⁸⁷⁶ or perverting it to a wrong meaning,⁸⁷⁷ or in doubtful and equivocal expressions, to the prejudice of truth or justice;⁸⁷⁸ speaking untruth,⁸⁷⁹ lying,⁸⁸⁰ slandering,⁸⁸¹ backbit-

⁸⁷⁰Isa 5:23: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

⁸⁷¹Psa 119:69: The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

Luk 19:8: And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

Luk 16:5-7: So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

⁸⁷²Lev 5:1: And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

Deu 13:8: Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

Act 5:3,8-9: But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

2 Tim 4:6: For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

⁸⁷³1 Kin 1:6: And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

Lev 19:17: Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

⁸⁷⁴Isa 59:4: None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

⁸⁷⁵Pro 29:11: A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.

⁸⁷⁶1 Sam 22:9-10: Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

Psa 52:1-5: Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually. The tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

⁸⁷⁷Psa 56:5: Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil.

Joh 2:19: Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Mat 26:60-61: But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

⁸⁷⁸Gen 3:5: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Gen 26:7,9: And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon. And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife; and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her.

⁸⁷⁹Isa 59:13: In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

⁸⁸⁰Lev 19:11: Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

Col 3:9: Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

⁸⁸¹Psa 50:20: Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

ing,⁸⁸² detracting, tale bearing,⁸⁸³ whispering,⁸⁸⁴ scoffing,⁸⁸⁵ reviling,⁸⁸⁶ rash,⁸⁸⁷ harsh,⁸⁸⁸ and partial censuring;⁸⁸⁹ misconstructing intentions, words, and actions;⁸⁹⁰ flattering,⁸⁹¹ vain-glorious boasting;⁸⁹² thinking or speaking too

⁸⁸²Jam 4:11: Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

Jer 38:4: Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.

⁸⁸³Lev 19:19: Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.

⁸⁸⁴Rom 1:29-30: Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

⁸⁸⁵Gen 21:9: And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

Gal 4:29: But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

⁸⁸⁶1 Cor 6:10: Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

⁸⁸⁷Mat 7:1: Judge not, that ye be not judged.

⁸⁸⁸Act 28:4: And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

⁸⁸⁹Gen 38:24: And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt.

Rom 2:1: Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

⁸⁹⁰Neh 6:6-8: Wherein was written, It is reported among the heathen, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.

Rom 3:8: And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just.

Psa 69:10: When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

1 Sam 1:13-15: Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

2 Sam 10:3: And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?

⁸⁹¹Psa 12:2-3: They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

⁸⁹²2 Tim 3:2: For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

highly or too meanly of ourselves or others;⁸⁹³ denying the gifts and graces of God;⁸⁹⁴ aggravating smaller faults;⁸⁹⁵ hiding, excusing, or extenuating of sins, when called to a free confession;⁸⁹⁶ unnecessary discovering of infirmities;⁸⁹⁷ raising false rumors,⁸⁹⁸ receiving and countenancing evil reports,⁸⁹⁹ and stopping our ears against just defense;⁹⁰⁰ evil suspicion;⁹⁰¹ envying or grieving at the deserved credit of any,⁹⁰² endeavoring or desiring to impair it,⁹⁰³ rejoicing

⁸⁹³Luk 18:9,11: And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

Rom 12:16: Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1 Cor 4:6: And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Act 12:22: And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

Exo 4:10-14: And Moses said unto the LORD, O my LORD, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my LORD, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.

⁸⁹⁴Job 27:5-6: God forbid that I should justify you: till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me. My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

Job 4:6: Is not this thy fear, thy confidence, thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?

⁸⁹⁵Mat 7:3-5: And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

⁸⁹⁶Pro 28:13: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Pro 30:20: Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

Gen 3:12-13: And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Jer 2:35: Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

2 Kin 5:25: But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

Gen 4:9: And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

⁸⁹⁷Gen 9:22: And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without.

Pro 25:9-10: Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another: Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.

⁸⁹⁸Exo 23:1: Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

⁸⁹⁹Pro 29:12: If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked.

⁹⁰⁰Act 7:56-57: And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

Job 31:13-14: If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?

⁹⁰¹1 Cor 13:5: Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

1 Tim 6:4: He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

⁹⁰²Num 11:29: And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

Mat 21:15: And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

⁹⁰³Ezr 4:12-13: Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls thereof, and joined the foundations. Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up again, then will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings.

in their disgrace and infamy;⁹⁰⁴ scornful contempt,⁹⁰⁵ fond admiration;⁹⁰⁶ breach of lawful promises;⁹⁰⁷ neglecting such things as are of good report,⁹⁰⁸ and practicing, or not avoiding ourselves, or not hindering what we can in others, such things as procure an ill name.⁹⁰⁹

Q146 Which is the tenth commandment?

A The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.⁹¹⁰

Q147 What are the duties required in the tenth commandment?

A The duties required in the tenth commandment are, such a full contentment with our own condition,⁹¹¹ and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbour, as that all our inward motions and affections touching him, tend unto, and further all that good which is his.⁹¹²

Q148 What are the sins forbidden in the tenth commandment?

A The sins forbidden in the tenth commandment are, discontentment with our own estate;⁹¹³ envying⁹¹⁴ and grieving at

⁹⁰⁴Jer 48:27: For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for since thou spakest of him, thou skippedst for joy.

⁹⁰⁵Psa 35:15-16,21: But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

Mat 27:28-29: And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

⁹⁰⁶Jud 16: These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Act 12:22: And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.

⁹⁰⁷Rom 1:31: Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

2 Tim 3:3: Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

⁹⁰⁸1 Sam 2:24: Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

⁹⁰⁹2 Sam 13:12-13: And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

Pro 5:8-9: Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel:

Pro 6:33: A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

⁹¹⁰Exo 20:17: Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

⁹¹¹Heb 13:5: Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Tim 6:6: But godliness with contentment is great gain.

⁹¹²Job31:29: If I rejoice at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him:

Rom 12:15: Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Psa 122:7-9: Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.

1 Tim 1:5: Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Est 10:3: For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

1 Cor 13:4-7: Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

⁹¹³1 Kin 21:4: And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

Est 5:13: Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

1 Cor 10:10: Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

⁹¹⁴Gal 5:26: Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Jam 3:14,16: But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

the good of our neighbour,⁹¹⁵ together with all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.⁹¹⁶

Q149 Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A No man is able, either of himself,⁹¹⁷ or by any grace received in this life, perfectly to keep the commandments of God;⁹¹⁸ but doth daily break them in thought,⁹¹⁹ word, and deed.⁹²⁰

Q150 Are all transgressions of the law of God equally heinous in themselves, and in the sight of God?

A All transgressions of the law of God are not equally heinous; but some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.⁹²¹

⁹¹⁵Psa 112:9-10: He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Neh 2:10: When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

⁹¹⁶Rom 7:7-8: What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

Rom 13:9: For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Col 3:5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Deu 5:21: Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

⁹¹⁷Jam 3:2: For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

Joh 15:5: I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Rom 8:3: For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

⁹¹⁸Ecc 7:20: For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

1 Joh 1:8,10: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Gal 5:17: For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Rom 7:18-19: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

⁹¹⁹Gen 6:5: And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 8:21: And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

⁹²⁰Rom 3:9-19: What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Jam 3:2-13: For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

⁹²¹Joh 19:11: Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

Eze 8:6,13,15: He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

1 Joh 5:16: If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto

Q151 What are those aggravations that make some sins more heinous than others?

A Sins receive their aggravations,

1. From the persons offending⁹²² if they be of riper age,⁹²³ greater experience or grace,⁹²⁴ eminent for profession,⁹²⁵ gifts,⁹²⁶ place,⁹²⁷ office,⁹²⁸ guides to others,⁹²⁹ and whose example is likely to be followed by others.⁹³⁰

death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Psa 78:17,32,56: And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works. Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:

⁹²²Jer 2:8: The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

⁹²³Job32:7,9: I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

Ecc 4:13: Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.

⁹²⁴1 Kin 11:4,9: For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

⁹²⁵2 Sam 12:14: Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

1 Cor 5:1: It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

⁹²⁶Jam 4:17: Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Luk 12:47-48: And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

⁹²⁷Jer 5:4-5: Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish: for they know not the way of the LORD, nor the judgment of their God. I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds.

⁹²⁸2 Sam 12:7-9: And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

Eze 8:11-12: And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, the LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

⁹²⁹Rom 2:17-24: Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God, And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law; And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

⁹³⁰Gal 2:11-14: But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

2. From the parties offended:⁹³¹ if immediately against God,⁹³² his attributes,⁹³³ and worship;⁹³⁴ against Christ, and his grace;⁹³⁵ the Holy Spirit,⁹³⁶ his witness,⁹³⁷ and workings⁹³⁸ against superiors, men of eminency,⁹³⁹ and such as we stand especially related and engaged unto;⁹⁴⁰ against any of the saints,⁹⁴¹ particularly weak brethren,⁹⁴² the

⁹³¹Mat 21:38-39: But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

⁹³²1 Sam 2:25: If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

Act 5:4: Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Psa 5:4: For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

⁹³³Rom 2:4: Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

⁹³⁴Mal 1:8: And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:14: But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I am a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen.

⁹³⁵Heb 2:2-3: For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Heb 7:25: Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

⁹³⁶Heb 10:29: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Mat 12:31-32: Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

⁹³⁷Eph 4:30: And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

⁹³⁸Heb 6:4-6: For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

⁹³⁹Jud 8: Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

Num 12:8-9: With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.

Isa 3:5: And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.

⁹⁴⁰Pro 30:17: The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

2 Cor 12:15: And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

Psa 55:12-15: For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

⁹⁴¹Zep 2:8,10-11: I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border. This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts. The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

Mat 18:6: But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

1 Cor 6:8: Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

Rev 17:6: And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

⁹⁴²1 Cor 8:11-12: And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren,

souls of them, or any other,⁹⁴³ and the common good of all or many.⁹⁴⁴

3. From the nature and quality of the offense:⁹⁴⁵ if it be against the express letter of the law,⁹⁴⁶ break many commandments, contain in it many sins:⁹⁴⁷ if not only conceived in the heart, but breaks forth in words and

and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

Rom 14:13,15,21: Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

⁹⁴³Eze 13:19: And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hear your lies?

1 Cor 8:12: But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

Rev 18:12-13: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

Mat 23:15: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

⁹⁴⁴1 The 2:15-16: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

Jos 22:20: Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

⁹⁴⁵Pro 6:30-33: Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

⁹⁴⁶Ezr 9:10-12: And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness. Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.

1 Kin 11:9-10: And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.

⁹⁴⁷Col 3:5: Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

1 Tim 6:10: For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Pro 5:8-12: Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and thy labours be in the house of a stranger; And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

Pro 6:32-33: But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.

Jos 7:21: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

actions,⁹⁴⁸ scandalize others,⁹⁴⁹ and admit of no reparation:⁹⁵⁰ if against means,⁹⁵¹ mercies,⁹⁵² judgments,⁹⁵³ light of nature,⁹⁵⁴ conviction of conscience,⁹⁵⁵ public or private admonition,⁹⁵⁶ censures of the church,⁹⁵⁷ civil

⁹⁴⁸Jam 1:14-15: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Mat 5:22: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Mic 2:1: Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

⁹⁴⁹Mat 18:7: Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

Rom 2:23-24: Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

⁹⁵⁰Deu 22:22,28-29: If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel. If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

Pro 6:32-35: But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not regard any ransom; neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

⁹⁵¹Mat 11:21-24: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

Joh 15:22: If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

⁹⁵²Isa 1:3: The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

Deu 32:6: Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

⁹⁵³Amo 4:8-11: So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

Jer 5:3: O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

⁹⁵⁴Rom 1:26-27: For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

⁹⁵⁵Rom 1:32: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Dan 5:22: And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;

Tit 3:10-11: A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

⁹⁵⁶Pro 29:1: He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

⁹⁵⁷Tit 3:10: A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;

Mat 18:17: And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

punishments;⁹⁵⁸ and our prayers, purposes, promises,⁹⁵⁹ vows,⁹⁶⁰ covenants,⁹⁶¹ and engagements to God or men:⁹⁶² if done deliberately,⁹⁶³ wilfully,⁹⁶⁴ presumptuously,⁹⁶⁵ impudently,⁹⁶⁶ boastingly,⁹⁶⁷ maliciously,⁹⁶⁸ frequently,⁹⁶⁹ obstinately,⁹⁷⁰ with delight,⁹⁷¹ continuance,⁹⁷² or relapsing after repentance.⁹⁷³

⁹⁵⁸Pro 27:22: Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

Jer 23:35: They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

⁹⁵⁹Psa 78:34-37: When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God. And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer. Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant.

Jer 2:20: For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

Jer 13:5-6,20-21: So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me. And it came to pass after many days, that the LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?

⁹⁶⁰Ecc 5:4-6: When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

Pro 20:25: It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry.

⁹⁶¹Lev 26:25: And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

⁹⁶²Pro 2:17: Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God.

Eze 7:18-19: They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

⁹⁶³Psa 36:4: He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil.

⁹⁶⁴Jer 6:16: Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

⁹⁶⁵Num 15:30: But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Exo 21:14: But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

⁹⁶⁶Jer 3:3: Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

Pro 7:13: So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him,

⁹⁶⁷Psa 52:1: Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

⁹⁶⁸3 Joh 10: Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.

⁹⁶⁹Num 14:22: Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

⁹⁷⁰Zec 7:11-12: But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they should not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

⁹⁷¹Pro 2:14: Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked;

⁹⁷²Isa 57:17: For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

⁹⁷³Jer 34:8-11: This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant,

4. From circumstances of time⁹⁷⁴ and place:⁹⁷⁵ if on the Lord's day,⁹⁷⁶ or other times of divine worship;⁹⁷⁷ or immediately before⁹⁷⁸ or after these,⁹⁷⁹ or other helps to prevent or remedy such miscarriages;⁹⁸⁰ if in public, or in the presence of others, who are thereby likely to be provoked or defiled⁹⁸¹

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A Every sin, even the least, being against the sovereignty,⁹⁸² goodness,⁹⁸³ and holiness of God,⁹⁸⁴ and against his righteous

being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother. Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go. But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

2 Pet 2:20-22: For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

⁹⁷⁴2 Kin 5:26: And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

⁹⁷⁵Jer 7:10: And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?
Isa 26:10: Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

⁹⁷⁶Eze 23:37-39: That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them. Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.

⁹⁷⁷Isa 58:3-5: Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

Num 25:6-7: And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand;

⁹⁷⁸1 Cor 11:20-21: When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

⁹⁷⁹Jer 7:8-10: Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

Pro 7:14-15: I have peace offerings with me; this day have I payed my vows. Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.

Joh 13:27,30: And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

⁹⁸⁰Ezr 9:13-14: And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?

⁹⁸¹2 Sam 16:22: So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

1 Sam 2:22-24: Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.

⁹⁸²Jam 2:10-11: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

⁹⁸³Exo 20:1-2: And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

⁹⁸⁴Hab 1:13: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

Lev 10:3: Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before

law,⁹⁸⁵ deserveth his wrath and curse,⁹⁸⁶ both in this life,⁹⁸⁷ and that which is to come;⁹⁸⁸ and cannot be expiated but by the blood of Christ.⁹⁸⁹

Q153 What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us by reason of the transgression of the law?

A That we may escape the wrath and curse of God due to us by reason of the transgression of the law, he requireth of us repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ,⁹⁹⁰ and the diligent use of the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of his mediation.⁹⁹¹

Q154 What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of his mediation?

A The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to his church the benefits of his mediation, are all his ordinances; especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for their salvation.⁹⁹²

Q155 How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening,⁹⁹³

all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Lev 11:44-45: For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

⁹⁸⁵1 Joh 3:4: Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Rom 7:12: Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

⁹⁸⁶Eph 5:6: Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Gal 3:10: For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

⁹⁸⁷Lam 3:39: Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?

Deu 28:15-18: But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

⁹⁸⁸Mat 25:41: Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

⁹⁸⁹Heb 9:22: And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

1 Pet 1:18-19: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

⁹⁹⁰Act 20:21: Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mat 3:7-8: But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Luk 13:3,5: I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Act 16:30-31: And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Joh 3:16,18: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

⁹⁹¹Pro 2:1-5: My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Pro 8:33-36: Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

⁹⁹²Mat 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Act 2:42,46-47: And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

⁹⁹³Neh 8:8: So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Act 26:18: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

convincing, and humbling sinners;⁹⁹⁴ of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ;⁹⁹⁵ of conforming them to his image,⁹⁹⁶ and subduing them to his will;⁹⁹⁷ of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions;⁹⁹⁸ of building them up in grace,⁹⁹⁹ and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith

Psa 19:8: The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

⁹⁹⁴1 Cor 14:24-25: But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

2 Chr 34:18-19:26-28: Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book. And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect. And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again. Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

⁹⁹⁵Act 2:37,41: Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Act 8:27-30,35-38: And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

⁹⁹⁶2 Cor 3:18: But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

⁹⁹⁷2 Cor 10:4-6: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Rom 6:17: But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

⁹⁹⁸Mat 4:4,7,10: But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Eph 6:16-17: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Psa 19:11: Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

1 Cor 10:11: Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

⁹⁹⁹Act 20:32: And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an

unto salvation.¹⁰⁰⁰

Q156 Is the Word of God to be read by all?

A Although all are not to be permitted to read the Word publicly to the congregation,¹⁰⁰¹ yet all sorts of people are bound to read it apart by themselves,¹⁰⁰² and with their families:¹⁰⁰³ to which end, the holy scriptures are to be translated out of the original into vulgar languages.¹⁰⁰⁴

Q157 How is the Word of God to be read?

inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

2 Tim 3:15-17: And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

¹⁰⁰⁰Rom 16:25: Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

1 The 3:2,10-11,13: And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Rom 15:4: For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Rom 10:13-17: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Rom 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

¹⁰⁰¹Deu 31:9,11-13: And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel. When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Neh 8:2-3: And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.

Neh 9:3-5: And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God. Then stood up upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the LORD your God for ever and ever: and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise.

¹⁰⁰²Deu 17:19: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

Rev 1:3: Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Joh 5:39: Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Isa 34:16: Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

¹⁰⁰³Deu 6:6-9: And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Gen 18:17: And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Psa 78:5-7: For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

¹⁰⁰⁴1 Cor 14:6,9,11-12,15-16,24,27-28: Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: If any man speak in an unknown tongue,

A The holy Scriptures are to be read with an high and reverent esteem of them;¹⁰⁰⁵ with a firm persuasion that they are the very Word of God,¹⁰⁰⁶ and that he only can enable us to understand them;¹⁰⁰⁷ with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them;¹⁰⁰⁸ with diligence,¹⁰⁰⁹ and attention to the matter and scope of them;¹⁰¹⁰ with meditation,¹⁰¹¹ application,¹⁰¹² self-denial,¹⁰¹³ and prayer.¹⁰¹⁴

Q158 By whom is the Word of God to be preached?

let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

¹⁰⁰⁵Psa 19:10: More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Neh 8:3-6,10: And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Exo 24:7: And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

2 Chr 34:27: Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD.

Isa 66:2: For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

¹⁰⁰⁶2 Pet 1:19-21: We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

¹⁰⁰⁷Luk 24:45: Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

2 Cor 3:13-16: And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

¹⁰⁰⁸Deu 17:10,20: And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

¹⁰⁰⁹Act 17:11: These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

¹⁰¹⁰Act 8:30,34: And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Luk 10:26-28: He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

¹⁰¹¹Psa 1:2: But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psa 119:97: O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

¹⁰¹²2 Chr 34:21: Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.

¹⁰¹³Pro 3:5: Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Deu 33:3: Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

¹⁰¹⁴Pro 2:1-6: My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Psa 119:18: Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Neh 7:6,8: These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar

A The Word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted,¹⁰¹⁵ and also duly approved and called to that office.¹⁰¹⁶

Q159 How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

A They that are called to labour in the ministry of the Word, are to preach sound doctrine,¹⁰¹⁷ diligently,¹⁰¹⁸ in season and out of season,¹⁰¹⁹ plainly,¹⁰²⁰ not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power,¹⁰²¹ faithfully,¹⁰²² making known the whole counsel of God;¹⁰²³ wisely,¹⁰²⁴ applying themselves to

the king of Babylon had carried away, and came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two.

¹⁰¹⁵1 Tim 3:2,6: A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Eph 4:8-11: Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Hos 4:6: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Mal 2:7: For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

2 Cor 3:6: Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

¹⁰¹⁶Jer 14:15: Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.

Rom 10:15: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Heb 5:4: And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

1 Cor 12:28-29: And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

1 Tim 3:10: And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

1 Tim 4:14: Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

1 Tim 5:22: Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

¹⁰¹⁷Tit 2:1,8: But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

¹⁰¹⁸Act 18:25: This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

¹⁰¹⁹2 Tim 4:2: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

¹⁰²⁰1 Cor 14:19: Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

¹⁰²¹1 Cor 2:4: And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

¹⁰²²Jer 23:28: The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

1 Cor 4:1-2: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

¹⁰²³Act 20:27: For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

¹⁰²⁴Col 1:28: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

2 Tim 2:15: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

the necessities and capacities of the hearers;¹⁰²⁵ zealously,¹⁰²⁶ with fervent love to God¹⁰²⁷ and the souls of his people;¹⁰²⁸ sincerely,¹⁰²⁹ aiming at his glory,¹⁰³⁰ and their conversion,¹⁰³¹ edification,¹⁰³² and salvation.¹⁰³³

Q160 What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

A It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence,¹⁰³⁴ preparation,¹⁰³⁵ and

¹⁰²⁵1 Cor 3:2: I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Heb 5:12-14: For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Luk 12:42: And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

¹⁰²⁶Act 18:25: This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

¹⁰²⁷2 Cor 5:13-14: For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

Phi 1:15-17: Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

¹⁰²⁸Col 4:12: Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

2 Cor 12:15: And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

¹⁰²⁹2 Cor 2:17: For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

2 Cor 4:2: But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

¹⁰³⁰1 The 2:4-6: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

Joh 7:18: He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

¹⁰³¹1 Cor 9:19-22: For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

¹⁰³²2 Cor 12:19: Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

Eph 4:12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹⁰³³1 Tim 4:16: Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Act 26:16-18: But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

¹⁰³⁴Pro 8:34: Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

¹⁰³⁵1 Pet 2:1-2: Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Luk 8:18: Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

prayer;¹⁰³⁶ examine what they hear by the Scriptures;¹⁰³⁷ receive the truth with faith,¹⁰³⁸ love,¹⁰³⁹ meekness,¹⁰⁴⁰ and readiness of mind,¹⁰⁴¹ as the Word of God;¹⁰⁴² meditate,¹⁰⁴³ and confer of it;¹⁰⁴⁴ hide it in their hearts,¹⁰⁴⁵ and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives¹⁰⁴⁶.

Q161 How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not by any power in themselves, or any virtue derived from the piety or intention of him by whom they are administered, but only by the working of the Holy Ghost, and the blessing of Christ, by whom they are instituted¹⁰⁴⁷.

Q162 What is a sacrament?

¹⁰³⁶Psa 119:18: Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Eph 6:18-19: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

¹⁰³⁷Act 17:11: These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

¹⁰³⁸Heb 4:2: For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

¹⁰³⁹2 The 2:10: And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹⁰⁴⁰Jam 1:21: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

¹⁰⁴¹Act 17:11: These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

¹⁰⁴²1 The 2:13: For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

¹⁰⁴³Luk 9:44: Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.

Heb 2:1: Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

¹⁰⁴⁴Luk 24:14: And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

Deu 6:6-7: And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

¹⁰⁴⁵Pro 2:1: My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

Psa 119:11: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

¹⁰⁴⁶Luk 8:15: But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Jam 1:25: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

¹⁰⁴⁷1 Pet 3:21: The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Act 8:13,23: Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

1 Cor 3:6-7: I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1 Cor 12:13: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ in his church,¹⁰⁴⁸ to signify, seal, and exhibit¹⁰⁴⁹ unto those

¹⁰⁴⁸Gen 17:7,10: And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Exo 12: And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread. Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians. And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual. Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations. And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: But every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 26:26-28: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament,

that are within the covenant of grace,¹⁰⁵⁰ the benefits of his mediation;¹⁰⁵¹ to strengthen and increase their faith, and all other graces;¹⁰⁵² to oblige them to obedience;¹⁰⁵³ to testify and cherish their love and communion one with another;¹⁰⁵⁴ and to distinguish them from those that are without.¹⁰⁵⁵

Q163 What are the parts of a sacrament?

A The parts of the sacrament are two; the one an outward and sensible sign, used according to Christ's own appointment; the other an inward and spiritual grace thereby signified.¹⁰⁵⁶

Q164 How many sacraments hath Christ instituted in his church under the New Testament?

A Under the New Testament Christ hath instituted in his church only two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's supper.¹⁰⁵⁷

Q165 What is baptism?

A Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,¹⁰⁵⁸ to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself,¹⁰⁵⁹ of remission of which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¹⁰⁴⁹Rom 4:11: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

1 Cor 11:24-25: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

¹⁰⁵⁰Rom 15:8: Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

Exo 12:48: And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof.

¹⁰⁵¹Act 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

1 Cor 10:16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

¹⁰⁵²Rom 4:11: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Gal 3:27: For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

¹⁰⁵³Rom 6:3-4: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Cor 10:21: Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

¹⁰⁵⁴Eph 4:2-5: With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

1 Cor 12:13: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

¹⁰⁵⁵Eph 2:11-12: Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Gen 34:14: And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us:

¹⁰⁵⁶Mat 3:11: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

1 Pet 3:21: The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Rom 2:28-29: For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

¹⁰⁵⁷Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1 Cor 11:20,23: When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

Mat 26:26-28: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

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sins by his blood,¹⁰⁶⁰ and regeneration by his Spirit;¹⁰⁶¹ of adoption,¹⁰⁶² and resurrection unto everlasting life;¹⁰⁶³ and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church,¹⁰⁶⁴ and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.¹⁰⁶⁵

Q166 Unto whom is baptism to be administered?

A Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him,¹⁰⁶⁶ but infants descending from parents, either both, or but one of them, professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are in that respect within the covenant, and to be baptized.¹⁰⁶⁷

Q167 How is our baptism to be improved by us?

A The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others,¹⁰⁶⁸ by serious and thankful

¹⁰⁶⁰Mar 1:4: John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Rev 1:5: And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

¹⁰⁶¹Tit 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Eph 5:26: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

¹⁰⁶²Gal 3:26-27: For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

¹⁰⁶³1 Cor 15:29: Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

Rom 6:5: For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

¹⁰⁶⁴1 Cor 12:13: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

¹⁰⁶⁵Rom 6:4: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

¹⁰⁶⁶Act 8:36-37: And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Act 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁰⁶⁷Gen 17:7,9: And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Gal 3:9,14: So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Col 2:11-12: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Act 2:38-39: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

Rom 4:11-12: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

1 Cor 7:14: For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Luk 18:15-16: And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Rom 11:16: For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

¹⁰⁶⁸Col 2:11-12: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Rom 6:4,6,11: Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein;¹⁰⁶⁹ by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements;¹⁰⁷⁰ by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament;¹⁰⁷¹ by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace;¹⁰⁷² and by endeavoring to live by faith,¹⁰⁷³ to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness,¹⁰⁷⁴ as those that have therein given up their names to Christ;¹⁰⁷⁵ and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.¹⁰⁷⁶

Q168 What is the Lord's supper?

A The Lord's supper is a sacrament of the New Testament,¹⁰⁷⁷ wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace;¹⁰⁷⁸ have their union and communion with him confirmed;¹⁰⁷⁹ testify and renew their thankfulness,¹⁰⁸⁰ and engagement to God,¹⁰⁸¹ and their mutual love and fellowship each with the other, as members of the same mystical body.¹⁰⁸²

¹⁰⁶⁹Rom 6:3-5: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

¹⁰⁷⁰1 Cor 1:11-13: For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Rom 6:2-3: God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

¹⁰⁷¹Rom 4:11-12: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

1 Pet 3:21: The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

¹⁰⁷²Rom 6:3-5: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

¹⁰⁷³Gal 3:26-27: For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

¹⁰⁷⁴Rom 6:22: But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

¹⁰⁷⁵Act 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁰⁷⁶1 Cor 12:13,25: For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

¹⁰⁷⁷Luk 22:20: Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

¹⁰⁷⁸Mat 26:26-28: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Cor 11:23-26: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

¹⁰⁷⁹1 Cor 10:16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

¹⁰⁸⁰1 Cor 11:24: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

¹⁰⁸¹1 Cor 10:14-16,21: Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

¹⁰⁸²1 Cor 10:17: For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Q169 How hath Christ appointed bread and wine to be given and received in the sacrament of the Lord's supper?

A Christ hath appointed the ministers of his Word, in the administration of this sacrament of the Lord's supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use, by the word of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer; to take and break the bread, and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants: who are, by the same appointment, to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine, in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was broken and given, and his blood shed, for them.¹⁰⁸³

Q170 How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord's supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?

A As the body and blood of Christ are not corporally or carnally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's supper,¹⁰⁸⁴ and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses;¹⁰⁸⁵ so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a corporal and carnal, but in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really,¹⁰⁸⁶ while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of his death.¹⁰⁸⁷

Q171 How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?

A They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves¹⁰⁸⁸ of their being in Christ,¹⁰⁸⁹ of their sins and wants;¹⁰⁹⁰ of the truth and measure of their

¹⁰⁸³ 1 Cor 11:23-24: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Mat 26:26-28: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mar 14:22-24: And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

Luk 22:19-20: And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

¹⁰⁸⁴ Act 3:21: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

¹⁰⁸⁵ Mat 26:26,28: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¹⁰⁸⁶ 1 Cor 11:24-29: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

¹⁰⁸⁷ 1 Cor 10:16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

¹⁰⁸⁸ 1 Cor 11:28: But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

¹⁰⁸⁹ 2 Cor 13:5: Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

¹⁰⁹⁰ 1 Cor 5:7: Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Exo 12:15: Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel.

knowledge,¹⁰⁹¹ faith,¹⁰⁹² repentance;¹⁰⁹³ love to God and the brethren,¹⁰⁹⁴ charity to all men,¹⁰⁹⁵ forgiving those that have done them wrong;¹⁰⁹⁶ of their desires after Christ,¹⁰⁹⁷ and of their new obedience;¹⁰⁹⁸ and by renewing the exercise of these graces,¹⁰⁹⁹ by serious meditation,¹¹⁰⁰ and fervent prayer.¹¹⁰¹

Q172 May one who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation, come to the Lord's supper?

A One who doubteth of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation to the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he be not yet assured thereof;¹¹⁰² and in God's account hath it, if he be duly affected

¹⁰⁹¹1 Cor 11:29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

¹⁰⁹²1 Cor 13:5: Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
Mat 26:28: For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¹⁰⁹³Zec 12:10: And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

1 Cor 11:31: For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

¹⁰⁹⁴1 Cor 10:16-17: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Act 2:46-47: And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

¹⁰⁹⁵1 Cor 5:8: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Cor 11:18,20: For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.

¹⁰⁹⁶Mat 5:23-24: Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

¹⁰⁹⁷Isa 55:1: Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Joh 7:37: In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

¹⁰⁹⁸1 Cor 5:7-8: Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

¹⁰⁹⁹1 Cor 11:25-26,28: After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Heb 10:21-22: And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:24: And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Psa 26:6: I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

¹¹⁰⁰1 Cor 11:24-25: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

¹¹⁰¹2 Chr 30:18-19: For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

Mat 26:26: And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

¹¹⁰²Isa 50:10: Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

1 Joh 5:13: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Psa 88: O lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy

with the apprehension of the want of it,¹¹⁰³ and unfeignedly desires to be found in Christ,¹¹⁰⁴ and to depart from iniquity:¹¹⁰⁵ in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians¹¹⁰⁶) he is to bewail his unbelief,¹¹⁰⁷ and labor to have his doubts resolved;¹¹⁰⁸ and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.¹¹⁰⁹

Q173 May any who profess the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's supper, be kept from it?

A Such as are found to be ignorant or scandalous, notwithstanding their profession of the faith, and desire to come to the Lord's supper, may and ought to be kept from that sacrament, by the power which Christ hath left in his church,¹¹¹⁰

faithfulness in destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

Psa 77:1-4,7-10: I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High.

Jon 2:4: Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

¹¹⁰³Isa 54:7-10: For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer. For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

Mat 5:3-4: Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Psa 31:22: For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

Psa 73:13,22-23: Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee. Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.

¹¹⁰⁴Phi 3:8-9: Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Psa 10:17: LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

Psa 42:1-2,5,11: As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

¹¹⁰⁵2 Tim 2:19: Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Isa 50:10: Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Psa 66:18-20: If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

¹¹⁰⁶Isa 40:11,29,31: He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Mat 11:28: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 12:20: A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

Mat 26:28: For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¹¹⁰⁷Mar 9:24: And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

¹¹⁰⁸Act 2:37: Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 16:30: And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

¹¹⁰⁹Rom 4:11: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

1 Cor 11:28: But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

¹¹¹⁰1 Cor 11:27-34: Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and

until they receive instruction, and manifest their reformation.¹¹¹¹

Q174 What is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper in the time of the administration of it?

A It is required of them that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper, that, during the time of the administration of it, with all holy reverence and attention they wait upon God in that ordinance,¹¹¹² diligently observe the sacramental elements and actions,¹¹¹³ heedfully discern the Lord's body,¹¹¹⁴ and affectionately meditate on his death and sufferings,¹¹¹⁵ and thereby stir up themselves to a vigorous exercise of their graces,¹¹¹⁶ in judging themselves,¹¹¹⁷ and sorrowing for sin;¹¹¹⁸ in earnest hungering and thirsting after Christ,¹¹¹⁹ feeding on him by faith,¹¹²⁰ receiving

many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Mat 7:6: Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

1 Cor 5: It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

Jud 23: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

1 Tim 5:22: Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

¹¹¹¹2 Cor 2:7: So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

¹¹¹²Lev 10:3: Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Heb 12:28: Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Psa 5:7: But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

1 Cor 11:17,26-27: Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

¹¹¹³Exo 24:8: And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

Mat 26:28: For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¹¹¹⁴1 Cor 11:29: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

¹¹¹⁵Luk 22:19: And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

¹¹¹⁶1 Cor 11:26: For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1 Cor 10:3-5,11,14: And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

¹¹¹⁷1 Cor 11:31: For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

¹¹¹⁸Zec 12:10: And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

¹¹¹⁹Rev 22:17: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

¹¹²⁰Joh 6:35: And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

of his fullness,¹¹²¹ trusting in his merits,¹¹²² rejoicing in his love,¹¹²³ giving thanks for his grace;¹¹²⁴ in renewing of their covenant with God,¹¹²⁵ and love to all the saints.¹¹²⁶

Q175 What is the duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's supper?

A The duty of Christians, after they have received the sacrament of the Lord's supper, is seriously to consider how they have behaved themselves therein, and with what success;¹¹²⁷ if they find quickening and comfort, to bless God for it,¹¹²⁸ beg the continuance of it,¹¹²⁹ watch against relapses,¹¹³⁰ fulfill their vows,¹¹³¹ and encourage themselves to a frequent attendance on that ordinance:¹¹³² but if they find no present benefit, more exactly to review their preparation to, and carriage at, the sacrament;¹¹³³ in both which, if they can approve themselves to God and their

¹¹²¹Joh 1:16: And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

¹¹²²Phi 1:16: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

¹¹²³Psa 58:4-5: Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

²Chr 30:21: And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.

¹¹²⁴Psa 22:26: The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

¹¹²⁵Jer 50:5: They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Psa 50:5: Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

¹¹²⁶Act 2:42: And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

¹¹²⁷Psa 28:7: The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Psa 85:8: I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

¹Cor 11:7,30-31: For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

¹¹²⁸²Chr 30:21-23,25-26: And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD. And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers. And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness. And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

Act 2:42,46-47: And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

¹¹²⁹Psa 36:10: O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Son 3:4: It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

¹Chr 29:18: O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:

¹¹³⁰¹Cor 10:3-5,12: And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

¹¹³¹Psa 50:14: Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

¹¹³²¹Cor 11:25-26: After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

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¹¹³³Son 5:1-6: I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved. I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

own consciences, they are to wait for the fruit of it in due time:¹¹³⁴ but, if they see they have failed in either, they are to be humbled,¹¹³⁵ and to attend upon it afterwards with more care and diligence.¹¹³⁶

Q176 Wherein do the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper agree?

A The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper agree, in that the author of both is God;¹¹³⁷ the spiritual part of both is Christ and his benefits;¹¹³⁸ both are seals of the same covenant,¹¹³⁹ are to be dispensed by ministers of the gospel, and by none other;¹¹⁴⁰ and to be continued in the church of Christ until his second coming.¹¹⁴¹

Q177 Wherein do the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper differ?

A The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's supper differ, in that baptism is to be administered but once, with water,

Ecc 5:1-6: Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

¹¹³⁴Psa 123:1-2: Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psa 42:5,8: Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Psa 43:3-5: O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

¹¹³⁵2 Chr 30:18-19: For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon every one That prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

¹¹³⁶2 Cor 7:11: For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

1 Chr 15:12-14: And said unto them, Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel.

¹¹³⁷Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1 Cor 11:23: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

¹¹³⁸Rom 6:3-4: Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Cor 10:16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

¹¹³⁹Rom 4:11: And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Col 2:12: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Mat 26:27-28: And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

¹¹⁴⁰Joh 1:33: And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

Mat 28:19: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1 Cor 11:23: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

1 Cor 4:1: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Heb 5:4: And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

¹¹⁴¹Mat 28:19-20: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

1 Cor 11:26: For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

to be a sign and seal of our regeneration and ingrafting into Christ,¹¹⁴² and that even to infants;¹¹⁴³ whereas the Lord's supper is to be administered often, in the elements of bread and wine, to represent and exhibit Christ as spiritual nourishment to the soul,¹¹⁴⁴ and to confirm our continuance and growth in him,¹¹⁴⁵ and that only to such as are of years and ability to examine themselves.¹¹⁴⁶

Q178 What is prayer?

A Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,¹¹⁴⁷ in the name of Christ,¹¹⁴⁸ by the help of his Spirit;¹¹⁴⁹ with confession of our sins,¹¹⁵⁰ and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.¹¹⁵¹

Q179 Are we to pray unto God only?

A God only being able to search the hearts,¹¹⁵² hear the requests,¹¹⁵³ pardon the sins,¹¹⁵⁴ and fulfill the desires of all;¹¹⁵⁵

¹¹⁴²Mat 3:11: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Tit 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Gal 3:27: For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

¹¹⁴³Gen 17:7,9: And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Act 2:38-39: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

1 Cor 7:14: For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

¹¹⁴⁴1 Cor 11:23-26: For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

¹¹⁴⁵1 Cor 10:16: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

¹¹⁴⁶1 Cor 11:28-29: But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

¹¹⁴⁷Psa 62:8: Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

¹¹⁴⁸Joh 16:23: And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

¹¹⁴⁹Rom 8:26: Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

¹¹⁵⁰Psa 32:5-6: I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Dan 9:4: And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

¹¹⁵¹Phi 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

¹¹⁵²1 Kin 8:39: Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

Act 1:24: And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

Rom 8:27: And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

¹¹⁵³Psa 65:2: O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

¹¹⁵⁴Mic 7:18: Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.

¹¹⁵⁵Psa 145:18: The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

and only to be believed in,¹¹⁵⁶ and worshipped with religious worship;¹¹⁵⁷ prayer, which is a special part thereof,¹¹⁵⁸ is to be made by all to him alone,¹¹⁵⁹ and to none other.¹¹⁶⁰

Q180 What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

A To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to his command, and in confidence on his promises, to ask mercy for his sake,¹¹⁶¹ not by bare mentioning of his name,¹¹⁶² but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and his mediation.¹¹⁶³

Q181 Why are we to pray in the name of Christ?

A The sinfulness of man, and his distance from God by reason thereof, being so great, as that we can have no access into his presence without a mediator;¹¹⁶⁴ and there being none in heaven or earth appointed to, or fit for, that glorious work but Christ alone,¹¹⁶⁵ we are to pray in no other name but his only.¹¹⁶⁶

Q182 How doth the Spirit help us to pray?

A We not knowing what to pray for as we ought, the Spirit helpeth our infirmities, by enabling us to understand both for whom, and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and quickening in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times, in the same measure) those apprehensions, affections, and graces which are requisite for the right performance of that duty.¹¹⁶⁷

¹¹⁵⁶Rom 10:14: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

¹¹⁵⁷Mat 4:10: Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

¹¹⁵⁸1 Cor 1:2: Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

¹¹⁵⁹Psa 50:15: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

¹¹⁶⁰Rom 10:14: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

¹¹⁶¹Joh 14:13-14: And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Joh 16:24: Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Dan 9:17: Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.

¹¹⁶²Mat 7:21: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

¹¹⁶³Heb 4:14-16: Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Joh 5:13-15: These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

¹¹⁶⁴Joh 14:6: Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Isa 59:2: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Eph 3:12: In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

¹¹⁶⁵Joh 6:27: Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Heb 7:25-27: Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

1 Tim 2:5: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

¹¹⁶⁶Col 3:17: And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Heb 13:15: By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

¹¹⁶⁷Rom 8:26-27: Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Psa 10:17: LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

Zec 12:10: And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and

Q183 For whom are we to pray?

A We are to pray for the whole church of Christ upon earth,¹¹⁶⁸ for magistrates,¹¹⁶⁹ and ministers;¹¹⁷⁰ for ourselves,¹¹⁷¹ our brethren,¹¹⁷² yea, our enemies;¹¹⁷³ and for all sorts of men living,¹¹⁷⁴ or that shall live hereafter;¹¹⁷⁵ but not for the dead,¹¹⁷⁶ nor for those that are known to have sinned the sin unto death.¹¹⁷⁷

Q184 For what things are we to pray?

A We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God,¹¹⁷⁸ the welfare of the church,¹¹⁷⁹ our own¹¹⁸⁰ or others, good;¹¹⁸¹ but not for anything that is unlawful.¹¹⁸²

Q185 How are we to pray?

A We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God,¹¹⁸³ and deep sense of our own unworthiness,¹¹⁸⁴ necessary shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

¹¹⁶⁸Eph 6:18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Psa 28:9: Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

¹¹⁶⁹1 Tim 2:1-2: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

¹¹⁷⁰Col 4:3: Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

¹¹⁷¹Gen 32:11: Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

¹¹⁷²Jam 5:16: Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

¹¹⁷³Mat 5:44: But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

¹¹⁷⁴1 Tim 2:1-2: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

¹¹⁷⁵Joh 17:20: Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;
² Sam 7:29: Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

¹¹⁷⁶2 Sam 12:21-23: Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

¹¹⁷⁷1 Joh 5:16: If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

¹¹⁷⁸Mat 6:9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹¹⁷⁹Psa 51:18: Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Psa 122:6: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

¹¹⁸⁰Mat 7:11: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

¹¹⁸¹Psa 125:4: Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

¹¹⁸²1 Joh 5:14: And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

¹¹⁸³Ecc 5:1: Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

¹¹⁸⁴Gen 18:27: And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD, which am but dust and ashes:
Gen 32:10: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

sities,¹¹⁸⁵ and sins;¹¹⁸⁶ with penitent,¹¹⁸⁷ thankful,¹¹⁸⁸ and enlarged hearts;¹¹⁸⁹ with understanding,¹¹⁹⁰ faith,¹¹⁹¹ sincerity,¹¹⁹² fervency,¹¹⁹³ love,¹¹⁹⁴ and perseverance,¹¹⁹⁵ waiting upon him,¹¹⁹⁶ with humble submission to his will.¹¹⁹⁷

Q186 What rule hath God given for our direction in the duty of prayer?

A The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in the duty of prayer;¹¹⁹⁸ but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which our Savior Christ taught his disciples, commonly called The Lord's Prayer.¹¹⁹⁹

Q187 How is the Lord's Prayer to be used?

A The Lord's Prayer is not only for direction, as a pattern, according to which we are to make other prayers; but may also be used as a prayer, so that it be done with understanding, faith, reverence, and other graces necessary to the right performance of the duty of prayer.¹²⁰⁰

Q188 Of how many parts doth the Lord's Prayer consist?

A The Lord's Prayer consists of three parts; a preface, petitions, and a conclusion.

¹¹⁸⁵Luk 15:17-19: And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

¹¹⁸⁶Luk 18:13-14: And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

¹¹⁸⁷Psa 51:17: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

¹¹⁸⁸Phi 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

¹¹⁸⁹1 Sam 1:15: And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.

1 Sam 2:1: And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation.

¹¹⁹⁰1 Cor 14:15: What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

¹¹⁹¹Mar 11:24: Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Jam 1:6: But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

¹¹⁹²Psa 145:18: The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Psa 17:1: Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

¹¹⁹³Jam 5:16: Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

¹¹⁹⁴1 Tim 2:8: I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

¹¹⁹⁵Eph 6:18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

¹¹⁹⁶Mic 7:7: Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

¹¹⁹⁷Mat 26:39: And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

¹¹⁹⁸1 Joh 5:14: And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

¹¹⁹⁹Mat 6:9-13: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Luk 11:2-4: And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

¹²⁰⁰Mat 6:9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Luk 11:2: And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Q189 What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A The preface of the Lord's Prayer (contained in these words, Our Father which art in heaven,¹²⁰¹) teacheth us, when we pray, to draw near to God with confidence of his fatherly goodness, and our interest therein;¹²⁰² with reverence, and all other childlike dispositions,¹²⁰³ heavenly affections,¹²⁰⁴ and due apprehensions of his sovereign power, majesty, and gracious condescension:¹²⁰⁵ as also, to pray with and for others.¹²⁰⁶

Q190 What do we pray for in the first petition?

A In the first petition, (which is, Hallowed by thy name,¹²⁰⁷) acknowledging the utter inability and indisposition that is in ourselves and all men to honor God aright,¹²⁰⁸ we pray, that God would by his grace enable and incline us and others to know, to acknowledge, and highly to esteem him,¹²⁰⁹ his titles,¹²¹⁰ attributes,¹²¹¹ ordinances, Word,¹²¹²

¹²⁰¹Mat 6:9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹²⁰²Luk 11:13: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Rom 8:15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

¹²⁰³Isa 64:9: Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

¹²⁰⁴Psa 123:1: Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
Lam 3:41: Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

¹²⁰⁵Isa 63:15-16: Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained? Doubtless thou art our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

Neh 1:4-6: And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

¹²⁰⁶Act 12:5: Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

¹²⁰⁷Mat 6:9: After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹²⁰⁸2 Cor 3:5: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;
Psa 51:15: O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¹²⁰⁹Psa 67:2-3: That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

¹²¹⁰Psa 83:18: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

¹²¹¹Psa 86:10-13,15: For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

¹²¹²2 The 3:1: Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

Psa 147:19-20: He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

Psa 138:1-3: I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

2 Cor 2:14-15: Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

works, and whatsoever he is pleased to make himself known by;¹²¹³ and to glorify him in thought, word,¹²¹⁴ and deed:¹²¹⁵ that he would prevent and remove atheism,¹²¹⁶ ignorance,¹²¹⁷ idolatry,¹²¹⁸ profaneness,¹²¹⁹ and whatsoever is dishonorable to him;¹²²⁰ and, by his over-ruling providence, direct and dispose of all things to his own glory.¹²²¹

Q191 What do we pray for in the second petition?

¹²¹³Psa 145: I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psa 8: O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

¹²¹⁴Psa 103:1: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Psa 19:14: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

¹²¹⁵Phi 1:9,11: And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

¹²¹⁶Psa 67:1-4: God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

¹²¹⁷Eph 1:17-18: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹²¹⁸Psa 97:7: Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

¹²¹⁹Psa 74:18,22-23: Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name. Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

¹²²⁰Kin 19:15-16: And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

¹²²¹2 Chr 20:6,10-12: And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

Psa 83: Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may

A In the second petition, (which is, Thy kingdom come,¹²²²) acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan,¹²²³ we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed,¹²²⁴ the gospel propagated throughout the world,¹²²⁵ the Jews called,¹²²⁶ the fullness of the Gentiles brought in;¹²²⁷ the church furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances,¹²²⁸ purged from corruption,¹²²⁹ countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate:¹²³⁰ that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted:¹²³¹ that Christ would rule in our hearts here,¹²³² and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever:¹²³³ and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the

know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

Psa 140:4,8: Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.

¹²²²Mat 6:10: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹²²³Eph 2:2-3: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

¹²²⁴Psa 68:1: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

Rev 12:10-11: And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

¹²²⁵2 The 3:1: Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

¹²²⁶Rom 10:1: Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

¹²²⁷Joh 17:9,20: I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Rom 11:25-26: For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Psa 67: God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

¹²²⁸Mat 9:38: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

2 The 3:1: Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

¹²²⁹Mal 1:11: For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zep 3:9: For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

¹²³⁰1 Tim 2:1-2: I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

¹²³¹Act 4:29-30: And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

Eph 6:18-20: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Rom 15:29-30,32: And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

2 The 1:11: Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

2 The 2:16-17: Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

¹²³²Eph 3:14-20: For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

¹²³³Rev 22:20: He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

world, as may best conduce to these ends.¹²³⁴

Q192 What do we pray for in the third petition?

A In the third petition, (which is, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,¹²³⁵) acknowledging, that by nature we and all men are not only utterly unable and unwilling to know and do the will of God,¹²³⁶ but prone to rebel against his Word,¹²³⁷ to repine and murmur against his providence,¹²³⁸ and wholly inclined to do the will of the flesh, and of the devil:¹²³⁹ we pray, that God would by his Spirit take away from ourselves and others all blindness,¹²⁴⁰ weakness,¹²⁴¹ indisposedness,¹²⁴² and perverseness of heart,¹²⁴³ and by his grace make us able and willing to know, do, and submit to his will in all things,¹²⁴⁴ with the like humility,¹²⁴⁵ cheerfulness,¹²⁴⁶ faithfulness,¹²⁴⁷ diligence,¹²⁴⁸

¹²³⁴Isa 64:1-2: Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

Rev 4:8-11: And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

¹²³⁵Mat 6:10: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹²³⁶Rom 7:18: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Job 21:14: Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

1 Cor 2:14: But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

¹²³⁷Rom 8:7: Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

¹²³⁸Exo 17:7: And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

Num 14:2: And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!

¹²³⁹Eph 2:2: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

¹²⁴⁰Eph 1:17-18: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

¹²⁴¹Eph 3:16: That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

¹²⁴²Mat 26:40-41: And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

¹²⁴³Jer 31:18-19: I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

¹²⁴⁴Psa 119:1,8,35-36: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Act 21:14: And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

¹²⁴⁵Mic 6:8: He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

¹²⁴⁶Psa 100:2: Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Job 1:21: And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

2 Sam 15:25-26: And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation: But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

¹²⁴⁷Isa 38:3: And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

¹²⁴⁸Psa 119:4-5: Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

zeal,¹²⁴⁹ sincerity,¹²⁵⁰ and constancy,¹²⁵¹ as the angels do in heaven.¹²⁵²

Q193 What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A In the fourth petition,(which is, Give us this day our daily bread,¹²⁵³) acknowledging, that in Adam, and by our own sin, we have forfeited our right to all the outward blessings of this life, and deserve to be wholly deprived of them by God, and to have them cursed to us in the use of them;¹²⁵⁴ and that neither they of themselves are able to sustain us,¹²⁵⁵ nor we to merit,¹²⁵⁶ or by our own industry to procure them;¹²⁵⁷ but prone to desire,¹²⁵⁸ get,¹²⁵⁹ and use them unlawfully:¹²⁶⁰ we pray for ourselves and others, that both they and we, waiting upon the providence of God from day to day in the use of lawful means, may, of his free gift, and as to his fatherly wisdom shall seem best, enjoy a competent portion of them;¹²⁶¹ and have the same continued and blessed unto us in our holy and comfortable use

¹²⁴⁹Rom 12:11: Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

¹²⁵⁰Psa 119:80: Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

¹²⁵¹Psa 119:112: I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end.

¹²⁵²Isa 6:2-3: Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Psa 103:20-21: Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Mat 18:10: Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

¹²⁵³Mat 6:11: Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²⁵⁴Gen 2:17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Gen 3:17: And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Rom 8:20-22: For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Jer 5:25: Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.

Deu 28:15-17: But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.

¹²⁵⁵Deu 8:3: And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

¹²⁵⁶Gen 32:10: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

¹²⁵⁷Deu 8:17-18: And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

¹²⁵⁸Jer 6:13: For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

Mar 7:21-22: For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

¹²⁵⁹Hos 12:7: He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

¹²⁶⁰Jam 4:3: Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

¹²⁶¹Gen 43:12-14: And take double money in your hand; and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: Take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

Gen 28:20: And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

Eph 4:28: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

2 The 3:11-12: For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Phi 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

of them,¹²⁶² and contentment in them;¹²⁶³ and be kept from all things that are contrary to our temporal support and comfort.¹²⁶⁴

Q194 What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A In the fifth petition, (which is, Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,¹²⁶⁵) acknowledging, that we and all others are guilty both of original and actual sin, and thereby become debtors to the justice of God; and that neither we, nor any other creature, can make the least satisfaction for that debt:¹²⁶⁶ we pray for ourselves and others, that God of his free grace would, through the obedience and satisfaction of Christ, apprehended and applied by faith, acquit us both from the guilt and punishment of sin,¹²⁶⁷ accept us in his Beloved;¹²⁶⁸ continue his favour and grace to us,¹²⁶⁹ pardon our daily failings,¹²⁷⁰ and fill us with peace and joy, in giving us daily more and more assurance of forgiveness;¹²⁷¹ which we are the rather emboldened to ask, and encouraged to expect, when we have this testimony in ourselves, that we from the heart forgive others their offenses.¹²⁷²

Q195 What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A In the sixth petition, (which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,¹²⁷³) acknowledging, that the most wise, righteous, and gracious God, for divers holy and just ends, may so order things, that we may be

¹²⁶²1 Tim 4:3-5: Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

¹²⁶³1 Tim 6:6-8: But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

¹²⁶⁴Pro 30:8-9: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

¹²⁶⁵Mat 6:12: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹²⁶⁶Rom 3:9-22: What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Mat 18:24-25: And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Psa 130:3-4: If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

¹²⁶⁷Rom 3:24-26: Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Heb 9:22: And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

¹²⁶⁸Eph 1:6-7: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

¹²⁶⁹2 Pet 1:2: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

¹²⁷⁰Hos 14:2: Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.

Jer 14:7: O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake: for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.

¹²⁷¹Rom 15:13: Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Psa 51:7-10,12: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

¹²⁷²Luk 11:4: And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Mat 6:14-15: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mat 18:35: So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

¹²⁷³Mat 6:13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

assaulted, foiled, and for a time led captive by temptations;¹²⁷⁴ that Satan,¹²⁷⁵ the world,¹²⁷⁶ and the flesh, are ready powerfully to draw us aside, and ensnare us;¹²⁷⁷ and that we, even after the pardon of our sins, by reason of our corruption,¹²⁷⁸ weakness, and want of watchfulness,¹²⁷⁹ are not only subject to be tempted, and forward to expose ourselves unto temptations,¹²⁸⁰ but also of ourselves unable and unwilling to resist them, to recover out of them, and to improve them;¹²⁸¹ and worthy to be left under the power of them:¹²⁸² we pray, that God would so overrule the world and all in it,¹²⁸³ subdue the flesh,¹²⁸⁴ and restrain Satan,¹²⁸⁵ order all things,¹²⁸⁶ bestow and

Amen.

¹²⁷⁴2 Chr 32:31: Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

¹²⁷⁵1 Chr 21:1: And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

¹²⁷⁶Luk 21:34: And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Mar 4:19: And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

¹²⁷⁷Jam 1:14: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

¹²⁷⁸Gal 5:17: For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

¹²⁷⁹Mat 26:41: Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

¹²⁸⁰Mat 26:69-72: Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

Gal 2:11-14: But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

2 Chr 18:3: And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.

2 Chr 19:2: And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

¹²⁸¹Rom 7:23-24: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

1 Chr 21:1-4: And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know it. And Joab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem.

2 Chr 16:7-10: And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

¹²⁸²Psa 81:11-12: But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

¹²⁸³Joh 17:15: I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

¹²⁸⁴Psa 51:10: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psa 119:133: Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

¹²⁸⁵2 Cor 12:7-8: And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

¹²⁸⁶1 Cor 10:12-13: Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

bless all means of grace,¹²⁸⁷ and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all his people may by his providence be kept from being tempted to sin;¹²⁸⁸ or, if tempted, that by his Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation;¹²⁸⁹ or when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it,¹²⁹⁰ and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof:¹²⁹¹ that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected,¹²⁹² Satan trodden under our feet,¹²⁹³ and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil, forever.¹²⁹⁴

Q196 What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, (which is, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.¹²⁹⁵) teacheth us to enforce our petitions with arguments,¹²⁹⁶ which are to be taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves, or in any other creature, but from God;¹²⁹⁷ and with our prayers to join praises,¹²⁹⁸ ascribing to God alone eternal sovereignty, omnipotency, and glorious excellency;¹²⁹⁹ in regard whereof, as he is able and willing to

¹²⁸⁷Heb 13:20-21: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹²⁸⁸Mat 26:41: Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Psa 19:13: Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

¹²⁸⁹Eph 3:14-17: For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

1 The 3:13: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Jud 24: Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

¹²⁹⁰Psa 51:12: Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

¹²⁹¹1 Pet 5:8-10: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

¹²⁹²2 Cor 13:7,9: Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

¹²⁹³Rom 16:20: And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Luk 22:31-32: And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

¹²⁹⁴Joh 17:15: I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

1 The 5:23: And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹²⁹⁵Mat 6:13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

¹²⁹⁶Rom 15:30: Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

¹²⁹⁷Dan 9:4,7-9,16-19: And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; O LORD, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; O LORD, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

¹²⁹⁸Phi 4:6: Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

¹²⁹⁹1 Chr 29:10-13: Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

help us,¹³⁰⁰ so we by faith are emboldened to plead with him that he would,¹³⁰¹ and quietly to rely upon him, that he will fulfil our requests.¹³⁰² And, to testify this our desire and assurance, we say, Amen.¹³⁰³

Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

¹³⁰⁰Eph 3:20-21: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Luk 11:13: If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

¹³⁰¹2 Chr 20:6,11: And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

¹³⁰²2 Chr 14:11: And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let no man prevail against thee.

¹³⁰³1 Cor 14:16: Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

Rev 22:20-21: He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.